

# Academic Requirements

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

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## General Requirements

**General Education Requirements** 46 - 47 Credits

## Major Requirements

IDST 201 Introductions to the Foundations of Interdisciplinary Studies 3 Credits

IDST 301 Interdisciplinary Human Inquiry 3 Credits

IDST 401 Interdisciplinary Studies Internship 4 Credits

IDST 499 Capstone Seminar Course 3 Credits

[\(Interdisciplinary Studies Program 499 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone Seminar\)](#)

**Concentration Requirements** 36 Credits  
(Students select two concentrations – 300 level or higher)

**Electives** 23 - 24 Credits

**Total** 120 Credits

(All students need a total of 120 credits to graduate)

## IDST 201 Introductions to the Foundations of Interdisciplinary Studies - 3 Credits

This course introduces students to interdisciplinary studies and the philosophy and concepts of interdisciplinarity. Students will conduct different assessments to identify their career leanings and ultimately their dual integrative concentrations. These methods combined with other ways to explore students' concentrations are designed to provide students a full background of the chosen areas. There are no Prerequisites for taking this course.

## IDST 301 Interdisciplinary Human Inquiry - 3 Credits

This core course examines different ways of thinking and about how to acquire and apply knowledge. It gives students exposure to concepts involved with ideas, thinking, and with famous thinkers and their ideas so that students can apply to integrate and use their dual concentrations. The course begins with a foundation of exploring what an education is, and what learning at an HBCU means. It is not intended to be a substitute for a philosophy course or for a research methods course. It only gives a broad brush stroke to these disciplines.

IDST 201 is a prerequisite for this course or the student must obtain special permission from the department.

### **IDST 401 Interdisciplinary Studies Internship - 4 Credits**

This course is designed to provide students hands on experience in learning about their integrative concentration areas in an applied setting and to gain practical experience. Students will be placed at internship sites where they will experience and collaborate with practitioners. The course should be taken the beginning of the senior year. Prerequisites: IDST 201 & 301

### **IDST 499 Capstone Seminar Course - 3 Credits**

The Capstone course is a one-semester three (3) credit course required of all students pursuing the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDST). This course, designed to be a culminating educational and practical experience, embraces a self-directed, integrated, learning opportunity for students pursuing an interdisciplinary degree to demonstrate learning across the curriculum leading to employability and the potential for career advancement. Students are required to develop a research paper or creative project to be presented at the final oral examination. Topics should be selected that clearly demonstrate an integration of respective concentrations. This course should be taken during the last semester of enrollment at Coppin State University.