



Twin Cities Campus

Individually Designed Interdepartmental B.A.

CLA Dean's Office

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2010
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 50
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The individually designed interdepartmental major (IDIM) enables students to fulfill program requirements for the B.A. degree by completing an interdepartmental program of coursework focused on a theme of their own choosing, designed in consultation with faculty and staff advisers.

IDIM programs consist of three or four areas of concentration, integrated in such a way that the major has strong thematic unity and coherence.

Working closely with an IDIM adviser, students develop a written proposal and course list that articulates a cohesive and unified interdisciplinary theme. IDIM program proposals must be approved by a committee and three faculty or department advisers with expertise in the areas of concentration. Some departments have established guidelines for students who wish to include in their majors concentration areas based in those departments.

For specific information on proposal approval procedures and department guidelines, see the individualized degree programs website at <http://idp.class.umn.edu>.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For certain concentration areas, prerequisite courses must be completed before submitting a program proposal. For certain concentrations a minimum overall GPA or a minimum tool course GPA is required before a student can submit a program proposal.

Students can declare the major after attending an information session (held two to three times a week) and preparing a preliminary course list. Students are not approved for the degree until they have submitted a program proposal (the submission deadline is once per semester) and the proposal has been approved by a committee and faculty or department advisers.

See the IDIM adviser for more information.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

Students must complete at least 50 approved CLA credits distributed among three of four concentration areas, with at least 40 of the 50 credits at 3xxx or above. The concentrations may be departmental or thematic in composition, and each must include at least 11 credits at 3xxx or above.

Students must have their program approved by a committee and three department or faculty advisers. At least 20 credits in the major must be completed after the program has been approved. No more than 12 credits of directed study may be applied toward the program. The CLA requirement of 18 credits at or above 3xxx outside the major does not apply.

Students must complete an integrating senior project, earning at least 2 credits in conjunction with the project. Senior project proposals



must be approved by faculty and staff advisers the semester before the project is begun. Projects may vary widely in form, depending on a student's program. The project proposal and the project itself must be reviewed and approved by one faculty adviser and two faculty readers.

Major Courses

Take 50 credits, with at least 40 credits at 3xxx or above in area(s) of concentration, in consultation with an adviser.

Students must complete an integrating senior project, earning at least 2 credits in conjunction with the project.

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Honors UHP

This is an honors sub-plan.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program (UHP) must fulfill UHP requirements in addition to degree program requirements. Honors courses used to fulfill degree program requirements will also fulfill UHP requirements.

Current departmental honors course offerings are listed at:

http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept_courses_current.html

Honors students complete an honors thesis project in the final year, most often in conjunction with an honors thesis course, or with an honors directed studies or honors directed research course. Students select honors courses and plan for a thesis project in consultation with their UHP adviser and their departmental faculty adviser.