



### ***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 Spring 2018
- 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 BA 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 advisor, 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 concentration areas based in those departments.

For specific information on proposal approval procedures and department guidelines, see the individualized degree programs website at <https://cla.umn.edu/academics-experience/majors-minors/individualized-degree-programs>

### **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 advisor 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.

CLA BA degrees require 4 semesters or the equivalent of a second language.

Students must complete at least 50 approved CLA credits distributed among three or 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. At least one upper division (3xxx or above) course in the major must be writing intensive.

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 advisors 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 advisor and two faculty readers.

Because of its interdisciplinary nature, this program is not held to the CLA requirement of 18 upper division credits outside the major.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First Year Experience course sequence.

**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.

**Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major**

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. Students work with their adviser to select the appropriate course.