

# Directed Interdisciplinary Studies

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed below, students must satisfy:

1. the University regulations (see the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar),
2. the common regulations applying to all B.A. students including those relating to First-Year Seminars and Breadth requirements (see *Academic Regulations for the Bachelor of Arts Degree*).

Students should consult with the Institute when selecting courses and planning their program.

## Program Requirements

### General Information

The degree of Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is pursued by means of a plan of study proposed by the student, in an area of special interest that the student defines, drawing courses from several disciplines to develop a theme not possible within existing programs.

1. Prior to submitting a formal application, students are required to consult with the Program Co-ordinator for assistance in working out a suitable pattern of courses.
2. To allow time for adequate appraisal by the Committee, the proposal should be submitted as early as possible before the year of entry to the program (by May 1 for September registration and by November 1 for January registration).
3. Students may apply for admission to the program before completion of their first 5.0 credits and must apply before they begin their last 5.0 credits towards the degree.
4. Normally, 3.0 credits in Part B of the degree program are to be included among the last 5.0 credits taken towards the degree.

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### B.A. Honours (20.0 credits)

Students applying for the B.A. (Honours) program in Directed Interdisciplinary Studies must complete the prescribed application form, available from the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies office, or online. They are required to list 4.5 credits which meet the requirements listed in Part A below, and 9.5 credits which meet the requirements listed in Part B below, and which include the Honours project (DIST 4908 [1.0] Honours Project). The credits in Part B must be related to a significant theme or field of interest and fit into a coherent pattern. On acceptance of the proposed pattern of study, the credits described above, or variations subsequently agreed to by

the Committee, become a requirement for completion of the degree.

### A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (14.0 credits)

PART A	
1. 1.0 credit that addresses the temporal dimension of human societies, analyzing times before the current era, and societies other than our own	1.0
2. 1.0 credit that addresses the artifacts of the imagination, in literature and other forms, that addresses the life of the imagination and the culture	1.0
3. 1.0 credit that addresses the understanding of social and/or natural processes, and the ways in which that understanding is obtained in science and Social Sciences	1.0
4. 1.0 credit that addresses matters of human values, ethics and social responsibilities	1.0
<b>5. 0.5 credit in:</b>	0.5
DIST 3901 [0.5] Themes in Interdisciplinary Inquiry	
<b>PART B</b>	9.5

### Honours Project Stream

6. 9.5 credits as proposed by the student and approved by the committee including:

- a. 1.0 credit in:  
DIST 4908 [1.0] Honours Project <sup>1</sup>
- b. At least 4.0 credits in one discipline
- c. At least 3.0 credits at the 4000-level or higher

### OR

### Honours Essay Stream

6. 9.5 credits as proposed by the student and approved by the committee including:

- a. 0.5 credit in:  
DIST 4907 [0.5] Honours Essay
- b. At least 4.5 credits in one discipline
- c. At least 3.5 credits at the 4000-level or higher

### B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (6.0 credits)

7. 6.0 credits in free electives.	6.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>20.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Registration in Requirement Part B 6 a) Honours Project requires a Major CGPA of at least 9.00.

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### B.A. General (15.0 credits)

Students applying for the B.A. General program in Directed Interdisciplinary Studies must complete the prescribed application form, available from the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies office, or online. They are required to list 4.5 credits which meet the requirements listed in Part A below, and 5.5 credits which meet the requirements listed in Part B below. The credits in Part B must be related to a significant theme or field of interest and fit into a coherent pattern. On acceptance of the proposed pattern of study, the credits described above, or variations subsequently agreed to by the Committee, become a requirement for completion of the degree.

### A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (10.0 credits)

PART A	
1. 1.0 credit that addresses the temporal dimension of human societies, analyzing times before the current era, and societies other than our own	1.0

2. 1.0 credit that addresses the artifacts of the imagination, in literature and other forms, or that addresses the life of the imagination and the culture	1.0
3. 1.0 credit that addresses the understanding of social and/or natural processes, and the ways in which that understanding is obtained in science and Social Sciences	1.0
4. 1.0 credit that addresses matters of human values, ethics and social responsibilities	1.0
<b>5. 0.5 credit in:</b>	0.5
DIST 3901 [0.5] Themes in Interdisciplinary Inquiry	
<b>PART B</b>	
6. 5.5 credits as proposed by the student and approved by the committee including: at least 1.0 credit at the 3000-level	5.5
<b>B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (5.0 credits)</b>	
7. 5.0 credits in free electives.	5.0
Total Credits	15.0

**Directed Interdisciplinary Studies (DIST) Courses**  
**Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies**  
**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**DIST 3901 [0.5 credit]**

**Themes in Interdisciplinary Inquiry**

Examination of topics of interest to a number of disciplines, along with various methods and styles of thought used to study them. Students will synthesize the various perspectives. Open only to students in Directed Interdisciplinary Studies and Child Studies.  
 Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Child Studies or Directed Interdisciplinary Studies.  
 Seminar three hours a week.

**DIST 3902 [0.5 credit]**

**Selected Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies**

An examination of one or more interdisciplinary topics selected by faculty to present interdisciplinary thought and research not available elsewhere in the university curriculum.  
 Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.  
 Seminar three hours a week.

**DIST 4901 [0.5 credit]**

**Directed Reading**

Individual or small-group tutorial related to the theme of a Directed Interdisciplinary Studies program. Written permission from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies is required before registering; please contact the DIS administrator.  
 Prerequisite(s): for Directed Interdisciplinary Studies students with fourth year Honours standing and a CGPA of 9.00 or better or permission of the Institute.

**DIST 4902 [0.5 credit]**

**Directed Reading**

Individual or small-group tutorial related to the theme of a Directed Interdisciplinary Studies program. Written permission from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies is required before registering; please contact the DIS administrator.  
 Prerequisite(s): for Directed Interdisciplinary Studies students with fourth year Honours standing and a CGPA of 9.00 or better or permission of the Institute.

**DIST 4904 [0.5 credit]**

**Selected Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies**

An examination of one or more interdisciplinary topics selected by faculty to present interdisciplinary thought and research not available elsewhere in the university curriculum.  
 Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.  
 Seminar three hours a week.

**DIST 4905 [0.5 credit]**

**Directed Interdisciplinary Studies Fieldwork I**

Fieldwork related to the theme of a Directed Interdisciplinary Studies program. A proposal with a fieldwork research question and a supervisor must be approved prior to registration. A paper relating the fieldwork to the student's DIS program must be submitted.  
 Graded as Sat/Uns.  
 Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in Directed Interdisciplinary Studies or permission of the Institute.

**DIST 4906 [0.5 credit]**

**Directed Interdisciplinary Studies Fieldwork II**

Fieldwork related to the theme of a Directed Interdisciplinary Studies program. A proposal with a fieldwork research question and a supervisor must be approved prior to registration. A paper relating the fieldwork to the student's DIS program must be submitted.  
 Graded as Sat/Uns.  
 Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in Directed Interdisciplinary Studies or permission of the Institute.

**DIST 4907 [0.5 credit]**

**Honours Essay**

Interdisciplinary research project designed to develop research and writing skills. Topics must be approved by the Program Coordinator also charged with marking the essay.  
 Prerequisite(s): fourth year standing.

**DIST 4908 [1.0 credit]**

**Honours Project**

Interdisciplinary project for Honours Directed Interdisciplinary Studies students. In selecting a project, students must consult with the D.I.S. Program Coordinator. Students will work closely with a supervisor. Approval from the Program Coordinator to register for this course is necessary.  
 Prerequisite(s): fourth year standing in the B.A. Honours Directed Interdisciplinary Studies program and a 9.0 CGPA or higher.

**Summer session:** some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at [central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at [central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)