

# BA in Interdisciplinary Studies

54 units

## Mission

The interdisciplinary studies major (<https://www.apu.edu/provost/programs/interdisciplinary-studies-major/>) is an individualized academic program that crosses diverse fields of study. This degree allows students whose vocational or intellectual goals do not lead them to an existing degree program the opportunity to explore many different disciplines, glean important perspectives, knowledge, and skills while working toward a singular degree. As part of the degree program, students benefit from guidance in exploring and discerning vocational calling for themselves and others. Ultimately, the program allows students to design a major around multiple interests and with a core of vocational exploration and development that helps them identify their vocational calling and prepare for vocations that cross disciplinary boundaries.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Exploring and Discerning Vocation Core</b>		
LDRS 322	Leadership Strengths and Skills	3
MINC 200	Introduction to Contemporary Christian Ministries	3
MIN 300	Culture and Ministry <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
MIN 417	The Art of Leadership	3
MNCE 415	Practical Theology and Vocational Engagement	3
VOC 450	Interdisciplinary Internship <sup>3</sup>	3
Courses in 2-3 disciplinary areas of at least 12 units each; 15 of the 36 units must be upper-division and 6 units must be at the 400 level.		36
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>54</b>

<sup>1</sup> MIN 300 can be substituted for a Writing 3 course in one of the academic disciplines in a student's pathway.

<sup>2</sup> Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.

<sup>3</sup> Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied Learning requirement.

## Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Vocational Identity: Demonstrate a growing understanding of how God has uniquely created them in relation to personal gifts and strengths.
2. Virtuous Character: Explain a commitment to and a personal plan for becoming a person of virtuous character.
3. Faithful Engagement: Articulate how God is at work in their chosen field and how they can contribute to that work.
4. Career Development: Outline a personal career plan with clear timelines and action steps.
5. Vocational Coaching: Skillfully utilize resources, competencies, and skills to help others understand and pursue a vocational calling.
6. Creative Integration: Thoughtfully and innovatively integrate interdisciplinary competencies in writing and professional practice.
7. Skilled Execution: Demonstrate a cross-disciplinary approach to critical thinking, problem solving, and various intellectual and practical competencies.