

## 4.6.12 Interdisciplinary Arts

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### Program Content

Interdisciplinary arts focus on an equal mix of the humanities and social sciences, those disciplines at the core of classic higher education. Their subject matter is people – all human thoughts and actions in life, all human experiences and expressions of life. Humanities methods of studying people are those of history, literature, philosophy, music and theatre. In contrast, the social scientific method of studying people is empirical, combining both logic and systematic observation, and includes anthropology, psychology and sociology. We stand on the shoulders of all the great thinkers, writers and artists who have shaped human cultures, and are accountable to them, to our contemporaries and to future generations.

### Program Description

Interdisciplinary arts enable students to develop their critical understandings and appreciations of human nature, knowledge, values, interaction, societies, struggles and achievements through the examination of the theories, methods, and data of the humanities and social sciences. This program is designed to equip students with a broad understanding of human life, thought and relationships, an awareness of methods, topics and trend in the humanities and social sciences, and an advanced ability to think analytically, critically and creatively.

### Program Outcomes

Graduates with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts are better equipped to:

1. Understand people, culture, and society, both in terms of the human condition in which they live and the human experience of life.
2. Characterize the various comparative methods and theoretical perspectives of the humanities and social sciences.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of differing approaches to the conversation between integration of Christian perspectives and the humanities and social sciences, and skill in its practice.
4. Articulate how individuals, groups, and societies emerge, function, and change in everyday life.
5. Summarize and evaluate important human ideas, events, and issues from an informed Christian worldview.
6. Interpret their own human experience, and thereby enhance self-understanding, for the purpose of attaining more enlightened and satisfying human experience.
7. Display an appreciation of, and commitment to, the common good and well-being of human life.
8. Go on to graduate education in the humanities or social sciences, without being limited to one particular discipline.
9. Pursue careers in any vocation that works with people, such as social services, education, counsel-

ling, social research, civil service, public administration, journalism, community affairs, and law.

### **Program Requirements**

Students may choose from a 3-year Interdisciplinary Arts Major, a 4-year Interdisciplinary Arts (Advanced) Major or a 4-year Interdisciplinary Arts (Honours) Major. Each Interdisciplinary Arts Major is comprised of any two of the following three concentrations: Humanities (18 hours in any one of English Literature, History, Music, Philosophy, or Theatre), Social Sciences (15 hours in any one of Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology), or Mathematics (15 hours), plus specified social science courses, plus the general requirements for all Providence College Bachelor of Arts degree programs. The three levels of Interdisciplinary Arts Majors are specified as follows:

#### **Interdisciplinary Arts Major (3 years / 90 credit hours)**

##### **Interdisciplinary Arts (36–39 credit hours)**

Any two of the following three concentrations:

- 18 credit hour humanities concentration
- 15 credit hour social science concentration
- 15 credit hour mathematics concentration

221.22 – SSC: Research Methods

221.31 – SSC: Social Science and Christianity

##### **Arts and Sciences (9 hrs)**

6 credit hours of the one of the following in which the student does not have a concentration:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Mathematics or Science

3 credit hours of Music or Theatre (cannot be applied, ensemble or practicum)

##### **Biblical and Theological Studies (21 credit hours)**

121.11 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology I

121.12 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology II

117.11 – BTHO: Christian Spirituality I: Formations

12 hrs of electives

##### **Interdisciplinary Studies (6 credit hours)**

Students must ensure they have a minimum of 6 credit hours of Interdisciplinary Studies courses among their course requirements. See 4.5.1 for the list of possibilities.

##### **Intercultural Studies (3 credit hours)**

421.11 - INST: International Development and Missions

##### **Open Electives**

Students must take sufficient open electives to ensure they complete a minimum of 90 credit hours overall.

##### **Admission Requirement**

A grade of C or better in any 3 hour course in each of the two disciplines selected as concentrations

##### **Graduation Requirement**

2.0 GPA or higher

#### **Interdisciplinary Arts Advanced Major (4 years / 120 credit hours)**

The Advanced Major adds to the Major more humanities, social sciences, and open electives in a fourth year of study.

##### **Interdisciplinary Arts (36–39 credit hours)**

Any two of the following three concentrations:

- 18 credit hour humanities concentration

15 credit hour social science concentration  
 15 credit hour mathematics minor  
 221.22 – SSC: Research Methods  
 221.31 – SSC: Social Science and Christianity

**Arts and Sciences (33 hrs)**

6 credit hours of the one of the following in which the student does not have a concentration:

Humanities  
 Social Sciences  
 Mathematics or Science

3 credit hours of Music or Theatre (cannot be applied, ensemble or practicum)

24 credit hours of electives from Anthropology, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Science, Sociology, or Theatre

**Biblical and Theological Studies (21 credit hours)**

121.11 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology I  
 121.12 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology II  
 117.11 – BTHO: Christian Spirituality I: Formations  
 12 hrs of electives

**Interdisciplinary Studies (6 credit hours)**

Students must ensure they have a minimum of 6 credit hours of Interdisciplinary Studies courses among their course requirements. See 4.5.1 for the list of possibilities.

**Intercultural Studies (3 credit hours)**

421.11 – INST: International Development and Missions

**Open Electives**

Students must take sufficient open electives to ensure they complete a minimum of 120 credit hours overall.

**Admission Requirement**

A grade of C or better in any 3 hour course in each of the two disciplines selected as concentrations

**Graduation Requirement**

2.0 GPA or higher

**Interdisciplinary Arts (Honours) Major (4 years / 120 credit hours)**

The Honours Major adds to the Advanced Major more upper level courses, a major research project (honours thesis), and a higher GPA requirement. As such, it offers graduation with greater distinction, and better preparation for graduate studies.

**Interdisciplinary Arts (36–39 credit hours)**

Any two of the following three concentrations:

18 credit hour humanities concentration  
 15 credit hour social science concentration  
 15 credit hour mathematics minor

221.22 – SSC: Research Methods  
 221.31 – SSC: Social Science and Christianity

**Arts and Sciences (33 hrs)**

6 credit hours of the one of the following in which the student does not have a concentration:

Humanities  
 Social Sciences  
 Mathematics or Science

3 credit hours of Music or Theatre (cannot be applied, ensemble or practicum)

18 credit hours of electives from Anthropology, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Science, Sociology, or Theatre (6 hours upper level)

6 credits of 200.40 - HUM/SSC: Honours Thesis

**Biblical and Theological Studies** (21 credit hours)

121.11 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology I

121.12 – BINT: Introduction to the Bible and Christian Theology II

117.11 – BTHO: Christian Spirituality I: Formations

12 hrs of electives

**Interdisciplinary Studies** (6 credit hours)

Students must ensure they have a minimum of 6 credit hours of Interdisciplinary Studies courses among their course requirements. See 4.6.1 for the list of possibilities.

**Intercultural Studies** (3 credit hours)

421.11 – INST: International Development and Missions

**Open Electives**

Students must take sufficient open electives to ensure they complete a minimum of 120 credit hours overall.

**Admission requirements**

45 hours of accumulated academic credit, with 18 hours in Arts and Sciences, including 6 hours of introductory courses in each of the disciplines selected as concentrations

3.0 GPA or higher

**Graduation requirement**

3.0 GPA or higher