





Interdisciplinary Studies // MAJOR MAP

Bachelor of Science



Southwest Baptist
UNIVERSITY

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|  Grow ACADEMICALLY | <p>Engage in a foundational course in areas of interest, and meet with the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) coordinator to learn about the application process.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with the departments you are interested in by getting to know the professors and other students.</p> | <p>Complete the application process for the IDS program early in this year.</p> <p>Review recommendations from major maps of other areas and select which components are relevant to your career interest. Based on this, choose two to four primary areas.</p> | <p>Continue engaging in major-specific courses. Continued enrollment in the program requires a 3.00 grade point average.</p> | <p>Complete your approved Major assessment such as an internship, research project, or major field test(s).</p> <p>Finish the plan as outlined when the major was approved and taking culminating upper-level courses as described in the approved four-year plan will prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.</p> |
|  Pursue SERVANT LEADERSHIP | <p>Participate in any student organizations and professional associations related to your area of interest.</p> | <p>Demonstrate servant-leadership by being proactive in the opportunities presented in your field of study.</p> | <p>Consider leading study sessions, tutoring/being a Run 2 Win mentor, or participating in a service or observation of workers in a similar field in the SBU or Bolivar community.</p> | <p>Continue serving or volunteering in the Bolivar community in areas of interest.</p> <p>Spread the word about what clubs/organizations/events you have enjoyed and help others to get connected on campus.</p> |
|  Embrace OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY | <p>Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections to learn about global service opportunities.</p> <p>Conduct a brief interview or job shadow a person in a field of interest.</p> | <p>Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.</p> | <p>Consider serving on a team through the CGC.</p> | <p>Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation.</p> |
|  Plan for YOUR FUTURE | <p>Meet with your academic advisor and Faculty in areas of interest.</p> <p>Gather information on careers you are interested in pursuing. Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook to discover information and job projections for any career path.</p> | <p>Apply for the IDS program after completing 32 hours. Talk to people in your field of interest to learn what coursework would be most beneficial for you in your IDS degree.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with Career Services for information on building your résumé and cover letter.</p> | <p>Begin exploring options you have for internships by attending career fairs and building your career network.</p> <p>Explore graduate schools, if you desire to continue your education.</p> | <p>Identify and ask individuals if they will write you letters of reference/recommendation.</p> <p>Finalize your résumé and cover letter.</p> <p>Plan a time to meet with the Career Services Director to practice through a mock interview.</p> |

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Career opportunities are as varied as the degree themselves. An IDS major is established to help students reach a very specific career goal. Some examples of IDS focus areas and their subsequent careers are as follows:

Career Goal:

Bible Translator on Mission Field

Focus areas:

Theology, Christian Ministry, Language and Literature, Business

Career Goal:

Law School

Focus areas:

Political Science, Communication, and Philosophy

Career Goal:

Pre-Physical Therapy

Focus areas:

Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Integration of Science and Faith