

# INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN LIBERAL ARTS

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The BS in Interdisciplinary Programs is an outcome based degree, drawing from the richness of a liberal arts based education, which provides opportunities for students to develop an interdisciplinary educational program of study in consultation with their adviser. Students select courses that demonstrate competency in the following three areas:

- Oral and Written Communications
- Interpersonal Skills and Civic Responsibility
- Quantitative, Analytical, and Critical Thinking Skills

Students will also demonstrate, through courses or non-credit experiences, that they have had experiential learning experiences related to their course of study. The specific courses used to meet these degree requirements vary with each student. The courses selected to meet the above listed outcomes are based upon the academic emphasis identified by the student for their program of study and are approved by their academic adviser.

What can students study with this degree? The degree provides three types of academic opportunities. The first, degree completion, provides opportunities for students to graduate with a program of study that builds upon their prior educational experiences when they find they are unable to complete their current degree program. The second allows students, with their adviser, to develop a self-designed program of study in the following areas:

- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Non-Profit Leadership
- Fraud
- Pre-Law and other Pre-Professional Programs

The department also offers a number of minors in the following areas: Sociology, Anthropology, Non-Profit Leadership, and Leadership.

All students must have a 2.00 GPA and have earned 30 credits before they can be accepted into the degree program. Minors do not carry these requirements. New students to the university can select this degree, but will start their program of study in the Exploratory Program while having faculty from the Department of Interdisciplinary Programs serve as their advisers. Once the degree entry requirements are met the students formally move into the degree program.

The BS in Interdisciplinary Programs affords students opportunities to be flexible and creative in designing their program of study. Students who want to integrate more than one area of study in ways not found in Slippery Rock's traditional majors may consider this degree. Students with a specific career or professional interest, an interest in graduate school or a graduate level professional program that has certain competencies, but does not require a specific undergraduate major,

may find this degree appropriate for them. This degree is also valuable as a second major for students who want more than a minor to their program of study.

## Related Links

Interdisciplinary Programs- Liberal Arts, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cla/departments/interdisciplinary-programs/programs/>)

Interdisciplinary Program Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cla/departments/interdisciplinary-programs/>)

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