

CURRICULUM

AB Interdisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Arts major in Interdisciplinary Studies was introduced as a response to the need sounded in the academia for the greater dialogue among departments and scholars, and to the more practical need of the students for flexibility. Since its institution in the late 1970s, the program has produced graduates active in the fields of law, business, education, sports, and the arts.

The program rests on the belief that reality is complex and multidimensional. Thus, any attempt at understanding reality and discoursing on the same can be reached — and only provisionally so — after the critical synthesis of the various methodologies and knowledge of the different disciplines. What is learned is not only “truths,” but also the premises underlying and legitimizing these “truths.” The program, therefore, prizes open-mindedness, broadness of vision, reflexivity, and a commitment to knowledge.

The program also recognizes the individuality of each student. Instead of dismissing the particular (and sometimes idiosyncratic) inclinations of students, the program mines and hones these in the belief that education is self-perfection for the better service of society. Thus, in addition to receiving the humanistic training required by the Ateneo core curriculum, I.S. majors design their own course of studies, based on their interests and strengths, and given the actual means and services of the university, under the supervision of the Department Chair.

The terminal requirement for the degree is a monograph (called the senior paper) in which the I.S. major integrates the skills, knowledge, and methodologies learned from the classes he or she took, to probe, critique, and explain issues, to suggest feasible and sound solutions to specific problems, or to produce substantial creative work.

With proper guidance and the student's own commitment, the I.S. program hopes to engender students equipped in the intellectual rigors — and pleasures — of creativity and synthesis, critical thinking and analysis, reflection and self-reflexivity.

It is the mission of the Interdisciplinary Studies Department to develop well-rounded students who are able to see beyond disciplinary lines, who are able to synthesize knowledge gained from different disciplinary perspectives, who have professional skills in disciplines of their own choosing, and who are equipped to view and respond to the world from a holistic perspective.

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester 16 units

- En 11 *Communication in English I* 3
- Lit 13 *Introduction to Fiction* 3
- Ma 11 *Modern Mathematics I* 3
- Nsci 1 *Ps1/Bi7/Bi9/ Es10/Ch1* 4
(choose 1)
- Fil 11 *Sining ng Pakikipagtalastasan sa Filipino I* 3
- PE 1 *Physical Education* (2)
- INTAC I

Second Semester 16 units

- En 12 *Communication in English II* 3
- Lit 14 *Introduction to Poetry* 3
- Ma 12 *Modern Mathematics II* 3
- Nsci 2 *Ps1/Bi7/Bi9/ Es10/Ch1* 4
(choose 1)
- Fil 12 *Sining ng Pakikipagtalastasan sa Filipino II* 3
- PE 2 *Physical Education* (2)
- INTAC II

SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester 18 units

- Fil 14 *Panitikan ng Pilipinas* 3
- SA 21 *Introduction to Sociology & Anthropology* 3
- Hi 16/18 *Asian/Western History* 3
(choose 1)
- Program Elective 3
- IS Elective 3
- Psy 101 *General Psychology* 3
- PE 3 *Physical Education* (2)
- NSTP 1 (National Service Training Program) (3)

Second Semester 18 units

- Sci 10 *Science and Society* 3
- FL *Jsp1/Chn1/Sp1/Bh1/ Ital1/Gr1* (choose 1) 3
- Ec 102 *Basic Eco., Agrarian Reform & Taxation* 3
- Th 121 *Introduction to Doing a Catholic Theology* 3
- PoS 100 *Politics and Governance* 3
- Program Elective 3
- PE 4 *Physical Education* (2)
- NSTP 2 (National Service Training Program) (3)

JUNIOR YEAR

First Semester 18 units

- Ph 101 *Philosophy of the Human Person I* 3
- Program Elective 3
- Program Elective 3
- Program Elective 3
- Program Elective 3
- I.S. Elective* 3

Second Semester 18 units

- Ph 102 *Philosophy of the Human Person II* 3
- Th 131 *Marriage, Family Life & Human Sexuality in a Catholic Perspective* 3
- Hi 165 *Rizal and the Emergence of the Phil. Nation* 3
- Program Elective 3
- Program Elective 3
- I.S. Elective* 3

SENIOR YEAR

First Semester 18 units

- Ph 103 *Philosophy of Religion* 3
- Th 141 *A Theology of Catholic Vision* 3
- Hi 166 *Philippine History* 3
- I.S. 145/146/147 *Great Books I/II/III* (choose 1) 3
- I.S. 151 *Senior Seminar I* 3
- I.S. Elective 3

Second Semester 15 units

- Ph 104 *Foundation of Moral Values* 3
- Th 151 *The Catholic Commitment of Today's Filipino: A Synthesis* 3
- I.S. 152 *Senior Seminar II* 3
- Free Elective 3
- Free Elective 3

* One of these, either semester, must be IS 134.6

Total Number of Academic Units: 137