

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

This unique program is a way for you to explore YOUR diverse interests.



This column could feature you! As a brand new major, we are looking forward to highlighting our first students in the program. INDI students are students who say yes to unique opportunities. Say “yes” to an INDI major and let us highlight you next year.

DOUBLE MAJOR

Not only will double majoring help you gain perspective and expand your knowledge, it can make you a desirable job candidate. Your advisor will be happy to help you explore this option.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

You will have the unique opportunity to learn advanced inquiry skills in multiple disciplines. This program also promotes:

- personal responsibility and motivation
- creative approaches to question asking
- critical thinking within one theme but across several disciplines
- valuing synthetic approaches to problem solving
- applied learning through internships and study abroad
- independent research

The interdisciplinary major is a rigorous academic program in which the individual student assumes primary responsibility for designing her or his own academic program. Since the interdisciplinary major is structured by the student to serve individual needs, the primary courses selected for the major invariably cross traditional departmental boundaries.

THE SPECIFICS

- National Institutes for Health, National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Humanities all offer grants for interdisciplinary projects.
- If you love to learn and find yourself remembering what you learned in one discipline while you're watching a film related to a different discipline, Interdisciplinary Studies (INDI) might be the field for you. You can map out a course path that is truly unique.
- The INDI advisors studied interdisciplinary studies themselves. Professor Rachel Daack has an INDI undergraduate degree in Global Studies and an INDI Ph.D. as well. She worked as an editor, an HTML programmer, and an environmental educator before starting her university career. Limitless options are available to you when you are able to cross boundaries.



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In 2015, 8531 practicing physicians had earned an INDI undergraduate degree.



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Your major and capstone work will develop from one-on-one interactions with Clarke faculty.



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The first year students at Clarke have the opportunity pursue a guided INDI major.

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UNIQUE COURSE COMBINATIONS

INDI SEMINAR — Explore at least three unique topics from multiple disciplinary perspectives and get a heads up on how to approach your capstone project.

YOU CHOOSE! — Part of what makes this program so different from others is that you get to take exciting courses in many disciplines that relate to your fundamental or contemporary theme.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CAREERS

You will have so much to offer! You will have background in the disciplines you studied and so much more. You get to share with future employers that you truly learned to see the big picture, to consider alternative approaches, and to make solid decisions that follow from exploring a breadth of information. In other words, you will have GREAT critical thinking experience.

Professions that are interdisciplinary themselves or that value this sort of experience include:

- Publishing
- Public Health
- Journalism
- Writing
- Business
- Law
- Community Education
- Non-Profit Work
- Arts Management
- Public Policy
- Environmental Science
- New professions that don't exist yet



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