

Interdisciplinary Studies / Pre-Law

FRESHMAN YEAR

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| <b>Fall Semester</b> | <b>15 Credits</b>                              |
| ENGL 1100            | Writing I.....(3)                              |
| FYE 1000             | First Year Experience Seminar.....(3)          |
| MATH ≥ 1200          | Math course at or above the 1200 level.....(3) |
| PHIL 1100            | Logic.....(3)                                  |
|                      | LA&S Elective.....(3)                          |

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| <b>Spring Semester</b>   | <b>15 Credits</b>                       |
| ENGL 1200  | Writing II.....(3)                      |
| <i>Speech Core Elective chosen from the following two:</i>                 |   |
| SPCH 1100  | Argumentation and Debate <b>OR</b>      |
| SPCH 2600  | Persuasion.....(3)                      |
| <i>Philosophy / History Core Elective chosen from the following three:</i> |   |
| PHIL 2500  | Contemporary Ethical Problems <b>OR</b> |
| PHIL 4200  | Political & Social Philosophy <b>OR</b> |
| HIST 4200  | History of Political Theory.....(3)     |
|  | LA&S Elective.....(3)                   |
|  | Free Elective.....(3)                   |

JUNIOR YEAR

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| <b>Fall Semester</b> | <b>15 Credits</b>                          |
|                      | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                      | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                      | Course in Criminal Justice Field**.....(3) |
|                      | Course in Sociology Field***.....(3)       |
|                      | Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>         |
|                      | Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)             |

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| <b>Spring Semester</b> | <b>15 Credits</b>                          |
|                        | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                        | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                        | Course in Criminal Justice Field**.....(3) |
|                        | Course in Sociology Field***.....(3)       |
|                        | Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>         |
|                        | Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)             |

LA&S Elective List

- 1 ART attribute (the Arts)
- 3 credits HAF attribute (Health/Fitness)
- 1 HIST attribute (History)
- 1 LAB attribute (Lab Science)
- 1 LIT attribute (Literature)

Advanced LA&S Options Area

Review the three options with your advisor, and submit your decision to the Registrar's office by completion of 60 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Students are required to have foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level.

Completion of 120 credits required for graduation.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

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| <b>Fall Semester</b> | <b>15 Credits</b>                          |
|                      | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                      | Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>         |
|                      | Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)             |
|                      | LA&S Elective.....(3)                      |
|                      | LA&S Elective.....(3)                      |
|                      | Free Elective.....(3)                      |

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|                        | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                        | Course in Criminal Justice Field**.....(3) |
|                        | Course in Sociology Field***.....(3)       |
|                        | Language Course for B.A. <b>OR</b>         |
|                        | Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)             |
|                        | Free Elective.....(3)                      |

\*The Political Science Minor is fulfilled by taking POLS 1000, POLS 1100 and POLS 2270, and three of the following courses: POLS 2550, POLS 2600, POLS 2700, POLS 3500.

\*\* The Criminal Justice Field consists of CJ 2000, plus two of the following three courses: CJ 2500, CJ 2550, CJ 2561, CJ 3053.

\*\*\*The Sociology Field consists of SOC 1100, plus two of the following three courses: SOC 2700, SOC 2750, SOC 3500.

SENIOR YEAR

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| <b>Fall Semester</b> | <b>15 Credits</b>                          |
|                      | Course in Political Science Minor*.....(3) |
|                      | Free Elective.....(3)                      |
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| <b>Spring Semester</b>                                     | <b>15 Credits</b>                     |
| <i>Capstone Requirement chosen from the following two:</i> |                                       |
| POLS 4350  | Moot Court <b>OR</b>                  |
| POLS 4940  | Capstone in Political Science.....(3) |
|  | Free Elective.....(3)                 |
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Global Diversity Area

Two courses taken must meet the Global Diversity requirement: GDAN course + (GDC or GDCN course) **OR** GDCN course + (GDA or GDAN course). These courses are allowed to satisfy this requirement and another requirement at the same time.

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# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## Programs at Fitchburg State



*If you want to design a personalized degree program that is relevant to your interests and goals, Fitchburg State University has the program you need. An **Interdisciplinary Studies (IDIS)** degree prepares students to understand the world and become problem solvers by combining methods from various fields.*

### Interdisciplinary Studies at a Glance

Full-time faculty from multiple academic disciplines with dedicated advisors for each minor

3 concentrations • 13 minors

A flexible degree program which enables motivated students to design a major that directly reflects their own personal, educational and professional goals.

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[fitchburgstate.edu/humanities](http://fitchburgstate.edu/humanities)

judgments and to be innovative—to generate new ideas and synthesize information in original ways

- Building of global-minded thought processes and flexible lenses through which to address issues and challenges
- Establishment of the ability to express empathy and respect in individual and professional interactions, allowing for caring and ethical contributions to our diverse and interconnected society

### How will you engage/what will you do as a student of interdisciplinary studies?

- Design and carry out research and creative projects that reflect individualized visions and professional goals
- Define goals and co-create curriculum that leads to advancement in life and career
- Apply learning in real-world settings as diverse as the available fields of study

### Are there opportunities for involvement outside the classroom?

- Musical performance organizations including Chorus, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra
- Visual Arts exhibitions in both the Fitchburg State Gallery and the Fitchburg Art Museum

### What can you do with a Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies?

- A broad spectrum of career opportunities dependent upon the individualized curriculum chosen
- Graduate studies in line with individualized curriculum (law school, master of arts in education, master of fine arts in art & graphic design, etc.)

### Why pursue Interdisciplinary Studies at Fitchburg State?

- University focus on teaching
- Small class sizes
- Courses taught by full-time faculty experts
- Individualized attention
- Wide variety of course offerings rivaling much larger universities while maintaining low student-to-faculty ratios

### What makes the program distinctive?

- Acquisition of knowledge about a range of fields that help students navigate through complex challenges in their lives and in their communities along with a deeper knowledge about 2-3 specific, chosen fields of personal relevance
- Development of critical thinking/analysis skills allowing students to make intelligent, informed

