Interdisciplinary Degrees

Idaho State University offers students the opportunity to pursue an interdisciplinary master's degree (M.A., M.S., M. Ed.). The degree sought will be Interdisciplinary Studies. Other fields in the title will be the fields of academic concentration.

The requirements include: completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours with a minimum of 10 credits each from two participating departments. Students must be admitted into such a program by each department that participates. Students must contact each department contemplated to be involved prior to initiating the development of an interdisciplinary program.

Although students must take at least 10 credits in each of the departments participating, departments may, at their discretion, require additional credit hours of the students as a condition of the departmental participation and admission of the student in the program. An initial program of study must be submitted to the Graduate School during the first year of course work.

Requirements for interdisciplinary degrees are the same as for other degree programs. An interdisciplinary thesis may be written with a minimum of three credits and a maximum of five credits in each department. The final oral examination must include a representative from each department and a GFR from a department not involved in the interdisciplinary degree program.

Interdisciplinary Degree Admission Requirements

The student must apply to, and meet all criteria for, admission to the Graduate School. Certain departments may also have other admission requirements. Please check with specific departments for further details.

Environmental Science and Management Master's Degree Program

Students may pursue an M.S. in Environmental Science and Management (ESM) through the College of Science and Engineering. See the description and requirements of this degree in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Study Abroad

STUA 5500 Study Abroad 9-12 credits: Pre-arranged, planned courses of study at selected academic institutions outside of the United States. The student is responsible for resident credit arrangements with department(s) and the International Programs Office prior to departure. Prefix and course name will be replaced on ISU transcript when study abroad transcript arrives. Graded S/U. REPEATABLE WITH DEPARTMENT PERMISSION.

Memorandum of Understanding Agreements Between Brigham Young University - Idaho (BYU-I) and Idaho State University (ISU)

There are two possible arrangements for a five-year bachelor's-master's degree; those arrangements are 3+2 and 4+1 programs. In the 3+2 arrangement, the student is enrolled at BYU-I for the first three years and ISU for the final two years resulting in a bachelor's degree from BYU-I and a master's degree from ISU. In the 4+1 arrangement the student is enrolled at BYU-I for four years with the option to take graduate classes from ISU during the senior year and then is admitted to graduate school at ISU in the fifth year, resulting in a bachelor's degree from BYU-I and a master's degree from ISU. Please check the Graduate School's website and/or individual department websites for participating programs and more details.