

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Interdisciplinary Studies Major (number AP1202)**  
Cabinet Division: **Distance Learning (Continuing Education)**  
Date Revised: 10/18/11 (approved by Faculty Senate)

## I. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 All Individually Designed Majors and Minors are given titles based on the coursework and discipline areas they contain. To streamline the processing of these majors and minors, the title *Interdisciplinary Studies* would be more appropriate.

## II. Constraints

- 2.1 None

## III. Definitions

- 3.1 Read below

## IV. Policy Statements

- 4.1 The *Campus* non-comprehensive Interdisciplinary Studies *Major* requirements are drafted with timely advice and guidance from the student's advisor and in close consultation with a specially appointed advisory panel consisting of at least the student's advisor and two faculty members representing disciplines other than that of the advisor and approved by the Credits & Reinstatement Committee.
- 4.2 The *Distance Learning* comprehensive Interdisciplinary Studies *Major* requirements are drafted by the student in IDS 300 with additional help from their advisor. Faculty panel members from the selected academic areas of study, the Associate Dean for Distance Learning, and approval by the Credits & Reinstatement Committee are required.
- 4.3 The *Campus* non-comprehensive Interdisciplinary Studies *Major* requires at least 18 credits in the proposed major shall not yet have been completed. The University offers IDS 300, Individualized Educational Planning, to assist students in designing the major.
- 4.4 The *Distance Learning* comprehensive Interdisciplinary Studies *Major* does NOT have a maximum number of outstanding credits to be completed prior to completing the major.
- 4.4 Interdisciplinary Studies *Minor* requires at least 21 credits; at least 12 of these credits shall not yet have been completed. The proposal requires the approval of the student's advisor and the appropriate department chair with final approval by the Credits & Reinstatement Committee.

## V. Policy Procedures

- 5.1 Read above.

## VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Approved by UAAC (9/27/11), Faculty Senate (10/18/11) and Chancellor Wachter (10/17/11)
- 6.2 Updated by the Registrar and Provost (11/30/11)
- 6.3 The Registrar shall ensure that all Interdisciplinary Major or Minor requirements are met prior to posting a degree.

## VII. Attachments

- 7.1 None