

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES - HUMAN VALUES AND PROBLEM SOLVING CONCENTRATION (B.A.)

The new BA in Interdisciplinary Studies is intended to prepare students for a lifetime of professional and intellectual flexibility. By focusing on several of the NACE career-readiness competencies, particularly critical thinking, professionalism, teamwork, and self-development, it will empower students not only to address the many challenges they are likely to face in the workplace throughout their careers, but also in their communities throughout their lives.

This concentration delves into the ethical, cultural, and societal dimensions of human experiences. Students engage with various social and human topics such as justice, ethics, and human rights, preparing for careers in public service, advocacy, prelaw, and community engagement. The interdisciplinary approach encourages a deep understanding of complex human issues, fostering empathy and effective communication.

Unless otherwise noted, 120 credits of coursework is required for a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	1
	SEEDS General Education Requirements	27-30
	Major Requirements	39
	Free Electives	53-50
	Total Credits	120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students must take at least 12 credits at the 300-400 level.		
Major Core		
CHSC 299	College to Career: Preparing for the World of Work	3
INTD 101	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Thinking	3
INTD 301	Interdisciplinary Research Methods	3
INTD 499	The Interdisciplinary Workplace	3
WRIT 206	Workplace Writing	3
Concentration Requirements		
INTD 310	Problem Solving Lab I	3
INTD 311	Problem Solving Lab II	3
Concentration Electives		
	Complete one "Problem" Track from the list below.	18
	Total Credits	39

Problem #1 How We Interact: Exploring Violence, Peace, and Communication in a Global World

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Required Courses</i>		
HIST 106	Contemporary Europe	3
RELG 275	Inter-religious Encounters	3
ANTH 135	Anthropology of Conflict and Violence	3
PHIL 212	Social and Political Philosophy	3
<i>Electives</i>		
	Complete 2 courses from the following:	6
ANTH 311	Language, Power and Expressions of Identity	
CHEN 210	Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society	
ENGL 117	World Literature: Voices of Tradition and Challenge	
FRIN 289	Francophone Film	
GRIN 227	Nazi Cinema and Propaganda	
GSWS 301	Feminist Theory in Transnational Contexts	
HIST 107	Lies, Conspiracies, and Misinformation	
HIST 336	Revolutions and Movements of Protest in the Modern Middle East	
HIST 420	The Reformation Era, 1500-1650	
HIST 427	The Holocaust, 1939-1945	
HUMN 115	Troy and the Trojan War	
HUMN 160	Digital Transformations in the Humanities	
PHIL 106	Logic	
PHIL 200	Ethical Reasoning	
RELG 225	Religion and Social Activism	
RELG 273	The Holocaust: Religious Perspectives	
RUIN 193	Russian Culture and Civilization	
WRIT 350	Writing Women Safe: Writing, Rape Prevention, and Community Activism	
WRIT 270	Writing for Social Change	
	Intermediate I of a World Language course	

Problem #2 Who We Are: Cultural Tradition and Diversity in the United States

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Required Courses</i>		
ANTH 110	Anthropology of Multicultural America	3
ENGL 274	Contemporary U.S. Literature of Immigration	3
HIST 118	Emergence of the Modern United States	3
RELG 221	Religion and Culture	3
<i>Electives</i>		
	Complete two courses from the following:	6
ANTH 310	Immigration: An Anthropological Perspective	
ARIN 180	Arab Americans: Before and After 9/11	
ARIN/RELG 185	The Arab World and Religion	
ENGL 238	Black Writers in the United States: A Survey	
ENGL 279	Latinx Writers in the United States	
GRIN 226	Fairy Tales from Grimm to Disney	
GLQS 201	Queer Identities in a Transforming World: The Trouble with Normal	
GSWS 200	Transnational Feminisms	

HIST 205	Race and Ethnicity in United States History
HIST 206	Latinx Histories
HIST 342	Frontiers and Borderlands of the Americas
HUMN 211	Classicism and American Culture
ITAL 176	The Italian American Experience: On the Margins or in the Mainstream?
ITAL 230	Living in Translation
NAIS 101	Introduction to Native American Studies
RELG 100	Religions of the World
PHIL 206	Philosophical Issues in Law and Justice
PHIL 221	Reconstructing American Liberty
Intermediate I of a World Language course	

Complete one course from four different Exploration categories:	12
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>	
<i>Creative Expression</i>	
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>	
<i>Historical Thinking</i>	
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>	
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>	
Total Credits	27-30

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	1
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and MUST be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar		1 WRIT 206 (Fulfills SEEDS: Effective Writing II)	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I		3 SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life		3 SEEDS: Exploration 2	3
SEEDS: World Language I		3 Concentration Elective 1	3
SEEDS: Exploration 1		3 SEEDS: World Language II	3
INTD 101		3	
		16	15

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning		3 SEEDS: Exploration 4	3
SEEDS: Exploration 3		3 CHSC 299	3
Concentration Elective 2		3 Concentration Elective 4	3
Concentration Elective 3		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
INTD 301		3 INTD 310	3
Concentration Elective 5		3 Concentration Elective 6	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
INTD 311		3 INTD 499	3

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		
		3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
WRIT 206	Workplace Writing (Fulfilled in the major.)	
<i>SEEDS: Interactive Communication</i>		
Complete one Interactive Communication course.		
		3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		
		3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		
		3
<i>World Language</i>		
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.		
		3-6
Exploration		

Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	2
	15	14

Total Credits 120