BIS/IDIM AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

CLA CONCENTRATION PREREQUISITES, REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

These CLA departments have established the following prerequisites, requirements and guidelines for BIS/IDIM concentrations. If you plan to include a concentration in any of the following areas, it must be designed according to these specifications. Students must earn a C- or better in all prerequisite courses (unless otherwise noted).

Art

Students must complete ARTS 1001: Introduction to Contemporary Art and Theory. The concentration must be composed of ARTS designator courses approved by the art department advisor, Patricia Straub, pstraub@umn.edu. A 3xxx-level ARTH course or critical theory course is also highly recommended.

Asian Languages and Literatures

Coursework for the concentration must include two semesters or more of intermediate-level or above of one Asian language, two 3xxx-level courses with ALL designators and one elective. This elective may be an additional language course or a culture course. Consult with the department advisor regarding course options to fulfill the elective.

Communication Studies

Students proposing a Communication Studies concentration must complete either Comm 1101 or Comm 1313W, and the concentration must include the following:

- Two of the following three core courses: 3211: Introduction to Media Studies, 3401: Introduction to Communication Theory, 3601: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory.
- At least one Comm course at the 4xxx- or 5xxx-level.

Economics / Economic Studies

The following prerequisites are required for both Economic Studies and Economics areas of concentration:

- Econ 1101: Microeconomics and Econ 1102: Macroeconomics
- Math 1142: Short Calculus or Math 1271: Calculus I

Economics concentration must include Econ 3101: Intermediate Microeconomics and Econ 3102: Intermediate Macroeconomics, and students must take statistics (Stat 3011 or OMS 2550), although it is not included in the Economics concentration. Economic Studies concentrations must include Econ 3101: Intermediate Microeconomics.

English

English: EngL 3001W: Textual Investigation, Analysis, and Interpretation must be included in all English concentrations. At least half of the 3/4/5xxx courses in all English concentrations must be literature courses.

Creative Writing: Creative Writing concentrations must include one 3-4xxx-level EngL course in pre-20th-century literature and must show evidence of the study of more than one genre. Students may enroll in no more than one 5xxx-level EngW course, which is by application (academic transcript and relevant writing sample indicating readiness for an advanced creative writing workshop). Creative Writing faculty are generally not available to serve as IDIM senior project advisors.

Global Studies

Global Studies concentrations should be designed in consultation with the Global Studies advisor and must include:

- either GloS 3145: Theoretical Approaches to Global Studies or GloS 3144: Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies
- one theme breadth course and one region breadth course; see https://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/approved-course-lists/
- at least one class with a GloS designator in addition to 3145 or 3144 recommended.
History

History concentrations must demonstrate thematic coherence. If you are proposing a History concentration, you must meet with the History advisor, histugs@umn.edu, before submitting your BIS.

Mass Communication (School of Journalism and Mass Communication)

Students proposing a Mass Communication area of concentration must meet the following prerequisites before submitting a BIS or IDIM proposal: 1) grade of C or better in Jour 1001; 2) GPA of 3.0 or higher; 3) program plan review with Journalism (to start this process, call 612/625-0120 to set up a meeting with an advisor).

Mass Communication concentrations must include Jour 3004W: Information for Mass Communication. With the approval of the Mass Communication advisor, up to 3 professional /skills courses may also be included, and all course prerequisites must be met. Students will not be able to register for skills courses until they have completed the program approval process.

Political Science

Coursework for a Political Science concentration must include a minimum of 16 credits (minimum 15 upper division for BIS, minimum 11 upper division for IDIM). The upper-division credits must include courses from at least two of the four sub-fields within the discipline: Political Theory (Pol 3/42XX), Comparative Government (Pol 3/44XX), International Relations (POL 3/48XX), and American Government (Pol 3/43XX or Pol 3/45XX or Pol 3/47XX).

Psychology

Students proposing a Psychology concentration must complete Psy 1001: General Psychology, and the concentration must include the following:

- Psy 3801: Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis*
- Psy 3001W: Research Methods (Psy 3801 is a prerequisite for this course) - Note: Seats are very limited to non-majors. Program approval required for student to receive permission # to register for PSY 3001W during restricted time-frame. Any remaining seats are released at the end of Sophomore registration queue. Contact psyadvis@umn.edu for details.

*Strongly recommend seeking Psychology program approval at time of taking PSY 3801. Appointments made on Psychology Advising website; simply request "Approval for individualized degree psychology concentration"
https://cla.umn.edu/psychology/undergraduate/advising

Students can complete their concentration with additional PSY courses that either develop a theme within the discipline or sample broadly across the discipline. Many courses only have PSY 1001 as a prerequisite. All courses must have a PSY designator, with the exception that one developmental psychology course may be selected from CPSY 3301, CPSY 4303, or an approved transfer course. Additionally, up to 3 credits of PSY Internship (3996) or Experience in a PSY Research Lab (4993/5993) are allowed.

Sociology

Students proposing a Sociology concentration must complete Soc 1001: Introduction to Sociology, and the concentration must include the following:

- Soc 3701: Sociological Theory
- Soc 3801: Sociological Research Methods

Spanish Studies

Students must include SPAN 3015: Advanced Spanish Grammar & Composition or its equivalent and 2 of the following 3 core courses: SPAN 3104 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures; SPAN 3105 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures; SPAN 3107 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics. Three additional courses are required for the concentration for a total of 18-19 credits. Two of the courses must have 3104, 3105, or 3107 as a prerequisite. Span 3011 cannot count towards the Spanish Studies concentration.