**Interdisciplinary Studies Major, B.A.   
Application Form  
College of Arts and Sciences**

**Application Deadline:** September 1 (fall semester) and February 1 (spring semester).

*Students will be notified of a final decision within 4 weeks after the application deadline.*

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| **Personal Information** | | | |
| Name: |  | | |
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| Phone: |  | GPA**\***: |  |
| Graduation Term/Year: |  | | |
| Current Major(s): |  | | |
| Current Minor(s): |  | | |
| Will you be dropping any of your current majors or minors? If Yes, which one(s)? |  | | |
| **Program Information** | | | |
| **Title of Proposed Major:** |  | | |
| **Faculty Sponsor** | | | |
| A faculty sponsor helps students develop their coursework and program topic. A faculty sponsor is also available for support, advice, and guidance, particularly regarding research opportunities, graduate study, and career options. The faculty sponsor must be from the College of Arts and Sciences and from one of the departments reflected in the core course requirements. | | | |
| Supporting Statement: | In the space below, please indicate your thoughts on the rationale and structure of the proposed major. | | |
| Name: |  | | |
| Home Department: |  | | |
| Signature**\*\***: |  | | |

*\*GPA must be 3.00 or higher to apply to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program*

*\*\*A signed statement from a full-time faculty sponsor must be submitted with the IDST application form.*

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

**(These answers should demonstrate a well thought out program plan with clear objectives)**

1. Explain how you became engaged in this area and why other conventional majors won’t suit your needs.

2. Explain in some detail the eight courses that make up your major, and how they form a coherent course of study.

3. Explain what you hope to do with these skills upon graduation.

**MAJOR CORE COURSES**

The IDST major consists of **eight** core courses, which must be chosen from at least three departments, with a maximum of four courses from any one department. The content and learning objectives covered in each course should directly relate to the IDST topic. All eight courses must be appropriate for juniors and seniors majoring in those departments. The courses should form a coherent plan of study to which the student is able to assign a title. In this course list please indicate if you plan on completing an honors thesis.

**Additional Requirements:**

* Students may not include courses numbered over 699 to count towards the major course of study
* Students may include up to three courses they have already completed or are currently taking
* Students may not use more than 3 credits of independent study courses (typically ending in 93, 94, 95, 96, and senior honors thesis courses numbered 691H – 694H)

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| # | Course # | Title | Credit Hours | \*When was the course last offered? | Does the course have prerequisites or other restrictions? If yes, indicate how you will satisfy these requirements. | **\*\***Have you completed or are you currently enrolled in the course? If yes, indicate “completed” or “currently enrolled” and the term which you were enrolled. |
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***\*****Use the Historical Course Record report to check when the course was last offered:* [*https://reports.unc.edu/historical\_course\_record/*](https://reports.unc.edu/historical_course_record/)

***\*\*****If you have completed or are currently enrolled in the course, you do not need to provide alternative courses on the subsequent pages.*

**Important Notes**

* Professional Schools often restrict courses to majors only, particularly during the initial registration period.
* Computer Science courses numbered above COMP 210 are restricted to majors only.
* Biomedical Engineering courses are restricted to majors only.
* Departments with restricted courses to the major only recognize the majors in the specific department.

**ALTERNATIVE COURSES**

For each of the 8 core courses listed above, please provide one to two alternative courses. Having multiple alternative courses will provide greater flexibility and allow for adjustments if courses are not available. You may use the same course for more than one requirement.

If you have completed or are currently enrolled in any of the 8 core courses listed above, you do not need to provide alternative courses for that requirement.

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| **Alternative course(s) for Requirement #1** | | | | | | |
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| **Alternative course(s) for Requirement #5** | | | | | | |
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| **Alternative course(s) for Requirement #6** | | | | | | |
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| **Alternative course(s) for Requirement #8** | | | | | | |
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**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

I understand and have read the policies outlined on the Interdisciplinary Studies website regarding the IDST major.

Student Signature Date

Please submit this application to the following email [IDST-Director@unc.edu](mailto:IDST-Director@unc.edu) by September 1 for the fall semester and February 1 for the spring semester.

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| **Office Use Only** | |
| Date Reviewed: | Decision: |