

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GRADUATE STUDIES

The Graduate School is now offering its own master’s degree focused on interdisciplinary majors. We have been given approval to offer a **Master of Science in Graduate Studies**. Within this degree program there have been several majors and certificates approved as well. The Interdisciplinary Studies major is used to offer unique programs where the curriculum is interdisciplinary in nature. Several programs have chosen to create their own unique title for their interdisciplinary major.

One pathway could be to stack certificates towards a master’s degree. Being able to “stack” certificates towards a master’s degree can be advantageous for students. At times, a student does not have the confidence, or possibly the interest, in pursuing a master’s degree but does see value in post-bachelorette certificates. Yet, once a student has completed one or more certificates and then feels confidence in pursuing an applicable master’s degree they may wish to stack those certificates towards a master’s degree that allows it. Additionally, certain programs may desire purposefully stacking two or more certificates towards a master’s degree.

Recently, many units are seeing it as a valuable mechanism for new interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary efforts. The chart below shows all approved and pending programs to date.

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MAJORS:	PROGRAMS INVOLVED:	STATUS:
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	AVAILABLE FOR ANY INTERESTED PROGRAM (AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE GRADUATE SCHOOL)	APPROVED BY ICHE
CORPORATE TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION	COMMUNICATION, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	APPROVED BY ICHE
SECONDARY STEM EDUCATION (WITH INITIAL LICENSURE)	EDUCATION, TECH, LIFE SCIENCES, PHYSICAL SCIENCES, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, EARTH AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES	APPROVED BY ICHE
INFORMATION SECURITY	COMPUTER SCIENCE, MANAGEMENT, COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,	APPROVED BY THE GRADUATE COUNCIL AND AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE BOT/ICHE SUBMISSIONS.

	PHILOSOPHY, INDUSTRIAL TECH, COMMUNICATION, LINGUISTICS	
APPLIED GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS	COMMUNICATION, POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AGRICULTURE	APPROVED BY ICHE
CERTIFICATES:		
INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE MENTORSHIP	THE OFFICE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE PROGRAMS (OIGP) AND THE CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL LEARNING, MENTORSHIP, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (CILMAR) AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY	APPROVED BY ICHE
INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE	CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES, SOCIOLOGY	APPROVED BY ICHE
ADVANCED METHODOLOGIES IN THE BEHAVIORAL, SOCIAL, AND HEALTH SCIENCES	COLLEGE OF HHS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS	APPROVED BY ICHE
CONCENTRATIONS:		
APPLIED GEOSPATIAL DATA ANALYTICS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR)	COMMUNICATION, POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AGRICULTURE	APPROVED (INITIALLY USED UNTIL THE APPLIED GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS MAJOR COULD BE APPROVED)