

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Major (SDIM) is an opportunity for highly capable students to pursue unusual intellectual paths. Students participating in the SDIM must have exceptional self-discipline and self-direction. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to apply to the SDI Major and a minimum GPA of 3.2 in the SDI Major is required to graduate. Proposed SDIMs must clearly define a field of study that falls within the liberal arts and sciences.

Note: The SDIM will not be approved as a substitute for extant disciplinary major or minor programs of study available within the College of Arts and Sciences. Nor will an SDIM be approved for strictly vocational education or strictly preparatory programs such as pre-optometry or pre-pharmacy.

Students may pursue a single Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Major. Students may not be awarded a minor for a subset of courses within their approved SDI Major. Students should complete the SDIM approval process during the sophomore year.

Students completing the SDIM must meet all other graduation requirements within the College of Arts and Sciences. The SDIM replaces the major requirement only.

Students interested in pursuing a Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Major should contact the Director of Academic Advising at 503-352-2201 for information on requirements and the application process.

COURSES

ID-155 Special Topics

Go to <https://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/centers-institutes/advising-center/new-topics-travel-class-descriptions> or see the Advising Center.

ID-355 Special Topics

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ID-491 Senior Capstone I

The focus of this course is to assist students in selecting an area of interest in order to define their senior project, to complete a literature review, to develop a research methodology, and/or to begin data collection. This course is required of all SDIM majors in their final year. Prerequisite: Senior standing (90 or more completed credits) and declared SDI major. 2 credits.

ID-492 Senior Capstone II

In this course, students further refine and develop their senior project. Students complete their senior project and prepare for the public presentation of their project for Senior Project's Day. Prerequisite: ID 491 with minimum grade C-. 2 credits.