

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).

Area Studies (East Asian, European, Latin American, Russian, or South Asian /Middle Eastern)

Area Studies concentrations must include GloS 3144: Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies and courses from at least three different departments. See for details <http://igs.cla.umn.edu/students/areacon.htm>. A minimum of two years of study of a relevant language is required, although the language courses need not be included in the area of concentration.

Communication Studies

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

- Two of the following three core courses: 3211: Introduction to U.S. Electronic Media, 3401: Introduction to Communication Theory, 3601: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory.
- At least one Comm course at the 4xxx- or 5xxx-level. (Registration for one credit in Comm 3995 required if course taken to meet BIS analytic paper requirement.)

Dance

Students proposing a Dance concentration must meet the following criteria before submitting a BIS or IDIM proposal:

- Meet with the Director of the Dance Program to discuss areas of interest and concentration in Dance. The Director of Dance must sign off on an initial proposed list of 3/5xxx level courses BEFORE the individualized degree proposal is submitted to CLA. Students are encouraged to complete courses in at least two or three areas of dance curriculum (dance academic courses, creative/compositional courses, and/or technique and performance).
- Certain tracks in Dance will require an audition with minimum placement level results before the initial individualized degree proposal is complete. Students who wish to include Modern, Ballet and Jazz courses are encouraged to participate in a scheduled group Dance Program Major (Dec/Feb) or Technique Placement (Nov/April) as soon as possible.

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

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 (EngL).

Restrictions on areas with creative writing focus: only declared English majors may register in EngW 3960, and admission to EngW 5xxx courses 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 advisers.

Global Studies

Global Studies concentrations should be designed in consultation with the Global Studies adviser 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 <http://igs.cla.umn.edu/students/icpidimbis.htm>
- 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 (660 Social Science Tower, 624-5227, histugs@umn.edu) before submitting your BIS or IDIM proposal.

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) overall B average (minimum GPA of 2.8 or higher), 3) attendance at an info session.

Mass Communication concentrations must include Jour 3004W: Information for Mass Communication. With the approval of the Mass Communication adviser, up to 3 professional /skills courses may also be included: Jour: 3101, 3102, 3121, 3155, 3173W, 3201, 3202, 3241, 3251, 3279, 3321, 3451, 4171, 4193, 4259, 4261, 4263, 4302, 4451, 4452, 5131, 5155, and 5174. If you are planning both a Mass Communication and a Management area of concentration in your BIS program, please talk with the Mass Communication advisor about possible course equivalents in advertising and marketing.

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 Psy 2801: Psychological Measurement & Data Analysis (or approved equivalents).

Psychology concentrations must include Psy 3001W: Research Methods; students can complete their concentration with additional Psy courses that either develop a theme within the discipline or sample broadly across the discipline. 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.

Sociology

Students proposing a Sociology concentration must complete Soc 1001: Introduction to Sociology (or transfer course equivalent).

BIS concentrations must include the following:

- Soc 3701: Social Theory
- Soc 3811: Basic Social Statistics*

* Soc 3811 is not required if a statistics course is included in another one of your areas of concentration (e.g., Psychology or Management). Students may also satisfy the Sociology statistics requirement by completing an approved statistics course in another department (e.g., Stat 3011, Psy 4801, EPsy 3264, OMS 2550), but *a statistics course from another department may not be included in a Sociology concentration.*

IDIM concentrations in Sociology must be designed in close consultation with a faculty adviser in the Sociology Department.

Spanish Studies

In developing a Spanish area, students must include SPAN 3015: Advanced Spanish Grammar & Composition, or its equivalent, and 2 of the following 3 core courses: SPAN 3104 - Analysis and Interpretation of Texts; SPAN 3105 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Civilizations; SPAN 3107 - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics. Three additional courses are required for the concentration for a total of 18-19 credits. Except for SPAN 3401 - Service Learning in the Chicano/Latino Community and SPAN 3022 - Advanced Business Spanish, these three courses must have 3104, 3105, or 3107 as a prerequisite. Prerequisites must be followed at all times. Because the core courses are restricted to declared majors and minors, students should plan to declare a Spanish minor in order to register for classes.