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.

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](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:

- 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.)

Economic Studies/Economics

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 (or equivalent)

Economic Studies concentrations must include Econ 3101: Intermediate Microeconomics

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.

English

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

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/BIS senior project advisers.

Global Studies

Global Studies concentrations should be designed in consultation with the Global Studies adviser (214 Soc Sci, 624-9353) and must include:

- either GloS 3101: 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](http://igs.cla.umn.edu/students/icpidimbis.htm)
- at least one class with a GloS designator in addition to 3101 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. You need to request that the History advisor provide the IDP office with documentation of the meeting.
**Mass Communication** (School of Journalism and Mass Communication)

If you are proposing a Mass Communication area of concentration, you must meet the following prerequisites before submitting your BIS or IDIM proposal: 1) grade of C– or better in Jour 1001, and 2) overall B average (minimum GPA of 2.8 or higher).

**Additional requirements for students with a Mass Communication area of concentration:**

- Jour 3004: Information for Mass Communication must be included in the concentration.
- With the approval of the Mass Communication adviser, up to 3 professional/skills courses may be included. These include 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 your BIS advisers about possible course equivalents in advertising and marketing.
- You may not register for major-only courses in Mass Communication until your program has been approved by your concentration-area advisers and filed with your CLA Student Community.

**Mathematics**

The minimum requirements for a Math concentration are the same as the requirements for a Math minor.

**Political Science**

Concentrations in Political Science 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**

General Psychology (Psy 1001 or equivalent) is a required prerequisite, and concentrations must include:

- Psy 3005W: Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics
- One course in cognitive/biological psychology (Group A on [http://www.psych.umn.edu/undergrad/hb2.htm](http://www.psych.umn.edu/undergrad/hb2.htm))
- One course in clinical/personality/social psychology (Group B on above webpage)
- One course in individual differences/quantitative/applied psychology (Group C on above webpage)

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Any transfer courses must be evaluated by the department adviser to determine their appropriateness; at least two Psychology courses beyond Psy 1001 must be completed at the University of Minnesota.
- All courses must have a Psy designator, with the exception that one developmental psychology course may be selected from among 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 3/4801, EPsy 3264, OMS/BA 1550, GC 1454), 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. The IDIM concentration must have a well-defined focus and be well integrated into the focus of the major as a whole.

**Spanish Studies**

In developing a Spanish area, students must go beyond the requirements for a Spanish minor. At a minimum, students generally must include 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. All additional courses in the concentration (except Span 3401: Service Learning or Span 3022: Business Spanish) must have 3104, 3105, or 3107 as a prerequisite, and prerequisites must be followed at all times. *N.B. Span 3015 and/or 3021 are prerequisite to all other courses, but they do not count toward the minimum number of credits applicable to a BIS/IDIM concentration in Spanish Studies.* Due to course access restrictions, students interested in a BIS/IDIM Spanish Studies concentration are encouraged to formally declare a minor in Spanish Studies as soon as possible and then to drop the minor after obtaining departmental approval of the BIS/IDIM program.