

**HOUGHTON COLLEGE
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR GUIDELINES**

Form must be completed prior to earning 90 hours. If NYS resident must be completed upon reaching 45 hours.

Student Name: _____

Proposed Title (eg, "American Studies"): _____

BA (min 93 Liberal Arts credits) **BS (min 62 Liberal Arts credits)**

Attach a separate page (or pages) providing the following information.
Pay attention to the requirements outlined in the guidelines on p. 2 of this application.

1. **Which disciplines are you combining in your proposed major?** You must include two or more disciplines, each consisting of at least 16 credit hours.
2. **Outline your proposed course of study, including course prefixes, numbers, titles, credit hours, and when and where the course was/will be taken (pending course availability).** No more than 8 hours may be at the 100 level; you should include some 300- and 400-level coursework; and you must include either the senior capstone in one of your disciplines and/or INDS 482: Senior Capstone: Interdisciplinary Studies Project (1-4 hours).
3. **Provide a detailed rationale for the proposed program's cohesiveness,** explaining why you are proposing to use this particular package of courses and how they fit together as a coherent whole.
4. **Provide an explanation of how your proposed Interdisciplinary Studies Major will support your academic or vocational goals,** clarifying why it will serve your needs better than existing disciplinary majors and including 3-4 learning outcomes.

Signatures:

Student _____ _____
Date

Current Academic Advisor _____ _____
Date

Department Chairs of Program Areas (at least one area must offer a major or minor at Houghton)

Date

Date

Date

Director of Academic Records _____ _____
Date

Integrative Studies Committee Chair _____ _____
Date

Academic Dean's Office _____ _____
Date

Reported to AC: (date) _____ Reported to Faculty: (date) _____

Guidelines:

- The proposed program should constitute a developing, integrative, and cohesive course of study, not merely an accumulation of courses.
- Application must be completed prior to completing 90 credit hours of coursework.
NOTE: New York residents must declare a major once they've reached 45 credit hours.
- Applicants must not be on academic probation.
- Students will choose two or more areas of disciplinary study from those areas. At least one of these areas must be one in which Houghton offers major or minor programs.
- Each area must consist of at least 16 credit hours.
- In addition to the selected areas of study, students may include relevant courses from other disciplines in their programs.
- At least half of program credits must be taken at Houghton College.
- Students should clearly note any coursework taken outside of Houghton; this work must be approved by the faculty members granting approval of the proposal.
- Students may not apply more than eight credits at the 100 level to the program. It is expected that at least some 300- and 400-level coursework will be included.
- Students will complete a Senior Capstone in at least one area of disciplinary study and/or a 1-4 credit Senior Capstone: Interdisciplinary Studies Project (INDS 482).
- To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree students must complete at least 93 Liberal Arts credits, as defined by New York State.
- To graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree students must complete at least 62 Liberal Arts credits, as defined by New York State.
- Students may submit revisions to their proposals at any time prior to completing the degree. Revised proposals must be submitted to the Academic Dean's Office for approval and may in some cases be subject to all or part of the same approval process as new proposals.
- Please list when courses were taken or are planned to be taken.
- Please note that offering of courses cannot be guaranteed.
- If a proposal needs to be revised once approved, proposal for substitution will be accepted.