

Irish Studies Major (GIS)

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About

The Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) provides students with a tripartite of skills, knowledge, and values that foster critical thinking, problem solving, and preparation for responsible global citizenship. Students gain an understanding of global studies, acquiring the know-how in global and digital literacy, cultural diversity and intercultural competences, interdisciplinary research, and a passion for social justice, nurtured in experiential learning.

Program: [Global Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

Required Major Courses (31 credits)

Program Notes:

- Courses taken as part of a study abroad may be counted.
- One internship course may be counted.
- For GIS 5011, Team-taught Topics Student takes two different topics, the first of which counts as the Junior Research Seminar for the Major (6 credits).

Course	Title	Credits
GIS 2000	Intro to Global Interd Studies	3
GIS 5000	Special Topics	1
GIS 5011	GIS Select	3
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GIS 6500	Capstone I: Research	3
GIS 6600	Capstone 2:Thesis	3
	IS 1121 or IS 2222	3
	Irish Literature Survey for Major	3
	HIS 3216 or HIS 2286	3
	IS Elective	6
	Study Abroad	

Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	1 Upper Level Theology	3
	Language Requirement (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (47 credits)

Students with an Irish Studies primary major have forty-seven (47) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 31 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 47 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare irish studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

Category Descriptions

IS 1121 or IS 2222

Credits: 3

Choose one course of Irish language at the intermediate level or above.

Course	Title	Credits
IS 1121	Intermediate Irish Language I	3
IS 2222	Topics: Irish Language	3

Irish Literature Survey for Major

Credits: 3

Choose one course from those listed below.

Course	Title	Credits
ENG 3181	Irish Epics, Visions&Hauntings	3
ENG 3617	Irish Revivalism	3
ENG 3680	Top: 20th-21st C Irish Lit&Cul	3
ENG 3682	Contemporary Irish Literature	3

HIS 3216 or HIS 2286

Credits: 3

Choose one history survey.

Course	Title	Credits
HIS 3216	Ireland since 1800	3
HIS 2286	Irish-American Saga	3

IS Elective

Credits: 6

Choose two courses with IS attribute worth three credits each.

Study Abroad

One semester of Study Abroad.

Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)

Credits: 3

Students must take one course in either Mathematics or Statistics. Any course offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics fulfills the Core Curriculum requirement. Certain courses offered by other departments (e.g., Computer Science and Philosophy) also fulfill the requirement. These courses are designated by the Mathematics A & S Core attribute.

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.

1 Upper Level Theology

Credits: 3

Theology (THL) course or course with CTHL (Core Theology) attribute, at the 2000 level or above.