

Program Assessment Plan

Department Name: College of Arts & Science
Major: MS INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Student Learning Goals:

1.	Plan and justify an individualized program of study that successfully integrates coursework from two or more academic areas.
2.	Demonstrate appropriate mastery of the relevant academic areas.
3.	Demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge, to think critically, and to apply knowledge and critical thinking skills to the solution of specific problems.
4.	Demonstrate appropriate written and oral communication skills.

Assessment Plan:

Assessment Measure:	Goals Addressed: (list by number)	How is the information used?
Submission of an interdisciplinary degree plan and essay justifying and explaining the plan and its components; the plan must be approved by the student's faculty advisory committee as well as the university-wide Interdisciplinary Studies Committee for initial admission to the program	1, 4	Faculty review and discussion of student degree plans and essays during the biannual admission process (March and October) permits faculty advisors and the IDS Committee an opportunity to assess students' readiness for the program. Should common deficiencies be noted, the IDS Committee may direct the Director of the IDS Program to make warranted changes in program requirements, goals, or procedures.
Prospectus for Thesis/Project submitted for faculty advisory committee approval in the semester prior to registration for INTDIS 591-593	1, 2, 3, 4	Faculty review and discussion of prospectuses for theses/projects affords faculty advisors an opportunity to analyze and assess students' knowledge and critical thinking and communication skills. Should common weaknesses be noted in the prospectuses submitted, faculty may require changes in the student's degree plan or may request that the IDS Director and IDS Committee make warranted changes in program requirements, goals, or procedures.
INTDIS 591/593 Thesis/Project and faculty-approved "Report on Culminating Activity"	1, 2, 3, 4	Copies of Theses/Projects and "Report of Culminating Activity" forms completed by faculty advisory committees are reviewed annually in the Spring by the Director of the IDS Program. Should common deficiencies or opportunities for program improvement be noted, the Director of the IDS Program will make recommendations to the IDS Committee for changes in program requirements, goals, or procedures.
Final Presentation or "Oral Defense" or Thesis/Project as the Culmination of INTDIS 591/593	1, 2, 3, 4	"Report of Culminating Activity" forms completed by faculty advisory committees are reviewed annually by the Director of the IDS Program, who may also attend oral defenses of theses/projects; deficiencies or opportunities for program improvement noted by faculty or the IDS Director may result in recommendations to the IDS Committee for changes in program requirements, goals, or procedures.