

**Delete Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences) Proposal  
Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee**

**Program Department** Interdisciplinary Studies  
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**Title of Program** University Studies Major  
**CIP Code**

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**Version** 1 **ID** 72  
**Catalog Year to be deleted** 2022-2023

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**1. Provide Undergraduate Catalog copy to be removed regarding this program.**

Program Coordinator: Amelia Noël-Elkins, University College, 324 Fell Hall, Phone: (309) 438-3217  
Advisor: Patrick McNulty, University College, Phone: (309) 438-7604  
<https://universitycollege.illinoisstate.edu/majors-minors/>

This degree program is intended for students who are admitted and enrolled at Illinois State University and who either are unable to meet the admission/retention requirements for majors with requirements above the University minimums, or who while performing successfully in their major, discover late in their program of study that they do not wish to pursue the career path that follows from their initial major and degree choice. This degree is not available to second bachelor degree candidates.

<https://illinoisstate.edu/catalog/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-studies/#university-studies>

<https://illinoisstate.edu/catalog/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-studies/university-studies-course-requirements/>

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**2. Provide a list of other programs referencing this program.**

NA

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**3. Provide a rationale for deleting program.**

Interdisciplinary Studies and University Studies have similar sequences and options. All of which are difficult to differentiate and cause significant confusion for students, staff, and faculty. These 2 majors will be combined under the Interdisciplinary Studies major. New sequences will be established, so University Studies no longer needs to exist. The one IDS major will better serve our students. There is also some negativity as University Studies serving as the fall back major. We feel that IDS will be a better place for our students and help them feel better about their major and ISU.

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**4. Describe the expected effect of the proposed program deletion on existing campus programs.**

None. Students who normally would be in University Studies will now be in Interdisciplinary Studies.

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**5. What arrangements will be made for program faculty and students?**

Students currently in the program will be given an option to finish out the program or switch to IDS. We anticipate that most, if not all, students will switch to IDS. Some of that is due to the negative stigma that some students, staff, and faculty have about University Studies.

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**6. What is the anticipated budget effect?**

None.

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**7. No Did this program previously count towards teacher education?**

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**8. Yes Was this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?**

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**9. Routing and action summary for Program Deletion:**

**1. Interdisciplinary Studies Department Curriculum Committee Chair**

<u>Amy Hurd (website)</u>	<u>Amy Hurd</u>	<u>1/6/2021 2:52:56 PM</u>
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**2. Interdisciplinary Studies Department Chair/School Director**

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**4. University Curriculum Committee Chair**

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