

**MA in Interdisciplinary Studies (INDS)—Self-Structured Degree**  
(Multiple Pre-Designed INDS degrees are also available)**Program Path:****IDS Type:** Departmentally Restricted IDS\*\***Program Type:** Floating IDS Program

**Description:** The Interdisciplinary Studies program has been developed to allow students to self-design a program of study specifically tailored to their own needs, individual interests or career goals. There are no required courses, no core or tool requirements, and no majors or minors, although the guiding assumption is that there will be some coherent common principle that structures the program. Students can select from the entire graduate catalog as well as the Law School and Health Sciences Center, with very few restrictions\*\* (usually excluding the required "core" courses of a small number of existing majors in "traditional" departmental programs). The Master of Arts or Master of Science degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies gives students the freedom to design a degree that will meet their individual needs in conjunction with an advisor in the Graduate School. Most students pursue the 36-hour, non-thesis plan, but a thesis may be appropriate in occasional circumstances. This individualized program allows tailoring the plan of studies to meet narrowly focused needs, such as the requirements for a specific job or position upgrade. Students have also utilized the flexibility of the Interdisciplinary Studies option to obtain a graduate degree to prepare themselves for examinations and licensing or certification in certain areas where TTU does not currently offer a graduate degree (such as specialized areas of social work). By combining choices from several different departments and colleges, the student can arrive at program uniqueness far beyond the capacity of traditional departments. Students can draw from the offerings in more than one hundred masters programs university-wide, as well as having access to graduate work in the Health Sciences Center and the School of Law. (From website.)

**Program Structure:****Admission Requirements:** Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Informal Plan of Study, Writing Samples, GRE or GMAT, Personal Interview**Credit Hours:** 36 credits**Required Coursework:** None**Individually Selected Coursework:** 36 credits, Electives**Exit Courses & Work:** 3 Options—Written examination, Thesis with Oral Defense or Portfolio

**Established Department(s) of Focus:** Access to every graduate department at the university, only a handful of course restrictions (see Description above)\*\*

**Program Statistics:**

**Faculty:** No information available on IDS specific faculty

**Students:** Resident students only

**Program History:** No information available

**Contact Information:**

**Address:** The Graduate School at Texas Tech University, Interdisciplinary Studies Department, POB 41030, Lubbock, TX 79409-1030

**Phone Number:** 806-742-2781

**Email:** [gradschool@ttu.edu](mailto:gradschool@ttu.edu)