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**Course Information**

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Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

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[Revision for Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts.docx](#)

**Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Faculty made small revisions in the Major requirements at the faculty retreat. The important changes provide greater flexibility for capstone experiences and will allow the college to work with other UNM units to develop 3-2 programs that allow students to complete an MA in 5 years. The other change allows a more streamlined workload for the "block" requirement.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

**Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

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## Revision for Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts

### Proposed language

The following changes result in a large change to the language of this section. For this reason, we have not simply provided brackets around changed areas, but have provided a clean document. Substantive changes include increased options for the senior capstone to include Senior Teaching and Service Learning and the change from a 9 CH block to a 6 CH block over two semesters.

### Requirements

Students in the Honors College with a GPA of at least 3.5 may apply to major in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts. Applicants submit—and must have approved—a program of study to the Honors College Degree Committee, usually in the spring of their second year, detailing how they will establish competency in multiple disciplines.

Specifically, students accepted as majors in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 and complete:

1. A minor or second major in a field of study that complements or supports their capstone scholarship;
2. 9 credit hours in a field different from the minor or second major (at the 200-level or higher, with at least 3 credit hours at the 300-level or higher);\*
3. 18 credit hours in courses numbered 300 and higher containing significant coursework involving A) New environments and developing technologies; B) Intercultural knowledge and competence; and C) Personal and social responsibility, including civic knowledge and engagement.
4. Methodological training in research appropriate to support the interdisciplinary honors capstone;
5. At least 36 credit hours in UHON courses, including:
  - a. 3 credit hours at each of the 100-, 200-, 300-, and 400-levels
  - b. 12 elective credit hours, at least 6 of which are at the 300-level or higher
  - c. 6 credit hours in an integrative block
  - d. 6 credit hours of coursework in one interdisciplinary capstone:
    - i. Thesis/project: UHON 490 and UHON 491, or
    - ii. Senior Teaching: UHON 492 and UHON 493, or
    - iii. Service Learning: UHON 495 and UHON 496;
6. At least 120 total credit hours;
7. At least 12 credit hours of a single non-English language or provide evidence of equivalent proficiency.\*\*
8. All UNM core requirements, some of which may be completed through UHON courses.

For more information about the major and how to assemble a program of study, go to <http://honors.unm.edu> or speak with an advisor in the Honors College.

\* Separate fields are generally defined as the seven Core Curriculum areas plus additional colleges or schools (<http://www.unm.edu/academics/schools.html>) that offer undergraduate coursework.

\*\* Information about language proficiency equivalence can be found through the [Foreign Languages and Literatures Department](#).

**Current Language:**

**Requirements**

All candidates for the Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts major must be admitted to the Honors College and maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA. To be admitted, Honors College majors develop a program of study approved by the Honors College Degree Committee. That program includes a minor or a second major from a field of study that complements or enhances a student's area of research interest, methodological instruction to support the student's thesis, and 18 credit hours of upper-division courses (300- or 400-level) from any UNM department that enrich a student's knowledge in the following:

- New environments and developing technologies;
- Intercultural knowledge and competence;
- Personal and social responsibility, including civic knowledge and engagement; and
- Research fundamentals and methodology.

The program of study also must meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 120 total credit hours;
2. At least 36 credit hours completed in UHON courses, including completion of the following:
  - o 3 credit hours at each of the 100-, 200-, and 300-levels.
  - o {6-9 credit hours of an interdisciplinary honors thesis/project (UHON 490, 491)}
  - o 3 additional credit hours at the 400-level.
  - o 18 elective credit hours of UHON courses, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper-division (300- or 400-level) and of which at least {9 upper division credit hours must be an honors integrative block.}
3. A minimum of 12 credit hours of a single non-English language or evidence of equivalent proficiency. Information about non-English language programs can be found at the [Foreign Languages and Literatures department Web site](#), or the [Spanish and Portuguese department Web site](#).
4. Completion of UNM core requirements, some of which can be completed through UHON courses.

**Commented [US1]:** Proposed includes additional options

**Commented [US2]:** Proposed includes change to reduce to 6 credit hours

***Effects on Other Programs or Branch Programs***

There are no known effects on other programs or branch programs. The addition of extra acceptable senior capstone experiences is meant to allow for the increase in majors, and to facilitate future agreements the college may wish to make with other schools and colleges to move to 3-2 (BA-MA) programs.