

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: MINOR PROGRAMS**

Interdisciplinary Studies gives undergraduate students the opportunity to extend and complement their work in the major by pursuing a minor—a defined course sequence that explores a specific theme, topic, or discipline. Minors are optional, and most Interdisciplinary Studies students pursue only one minor, however, students may be approved to pursue two minors on a case-by-case basis.

### **PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Students enrolled in Interdisciplinary Studies will:

- Develop an awareness of interdisciplinary opportunities in professional art and design practices.
- Increase their exposure to a broad range of skills, experiences, and knowledge.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines, by pursuing a minor that complements studies in the major.

### **MINORS OFFERED**

- Advertising Design
- Art History
- Book Arts
- Community Arts Engagement (ACT Program)
- Contemporary Clay
- Creative Writing
- Digital Media
- Entrepreneurship
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Product Design
- Sculpture/New Genres
- Sustainability
- Teacher Credential Preparation (ACT Program)

### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Not all minors are open to all majors. See each specific minor for details.

In order to pursue a minor, students must be on track in their major and in good academic standing, with fewer than 6 credits outstanding and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. Students who fall behind 6 credits or more after declaring a minor will be advised to drop their minor. Students who fall below a 2.0 cumulative GPA after declaring a minor will be given a written warning at first, then advised to drop their minor if their GPA is not above 2.0 in the subsequent semester. In both cases students can reapply for the minor once they've caught up in their major and/or liberal arts requirements and/or raised their GPA.

Students will be allowed to register for courses on a space-available basis, which is not guaranteed, but registering early will significantly increase the chances of getting into their required courses.

Transfer students who apply for and are approved to pursue a minor upon entering the College must meet the requirements above and fulfill degree program requirements through an appropriate combination of transfer courses and courses completed at Otis.

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students should complete their Declaration of Minor form during registration advising for either the first or second semester of the sophomore year. Under limited circumstances, students may declare a minor in the first semester of the junior year. Declaration forms are available online, via the Registration page of the Otis Dashboard and [www.otis.edu/minors](http://www.otis.edu/minors). Academic Advising, the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Minor Area Head(s), and the Registrar must approve the application.

- Meet with the Interdisciplinary Studies Director to discuss your interests and options.
- Meet with Academic Advising to review Academic Plan and Declaration process.
- Complete the online Declaration of Minor Form.
- Students receive email confirmation once their declaration form has been approved by the Registrar.
- Attend group meetings with Minor Area Head(s) during Registration Advising periods.