Some Interdisciplinary Major topics accepted in the past:

- Cyber Intelligence and Security
- Cognitive Science and Design
- Light Pollution
- NGOs and Social Change
- Political Communication
- Urban Design for Sustainability and Change
- Visual Psychophysics

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For the student with intellectual interests that cannot be covered within a single traditional discipline...

The interdisciplinary major program is intended for the self-directed student whose academic interests range beyond a single field—even beyond a major and a minor. Each student selects a topic for individual research, and a committee of faculty from different disciplines identify a unique program of courses to help that student learn what he or she has chosen to study.

The INDS Program is for the creative student willing to explore an academic path not yet charted. It is not for the timid, since there is always a challenge in doing something different. But it could be a very large first step towards a very bright future.

Requirements for the Program

Each student applying for the Interdisciplinary Major Program proposes a topic for a senior thesis which requires research in at least two major disciplines.

Interested students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above, and apply before their junior year at USC. A committee of faculty from relevant areas, together with the student, draw up a program of individual coursework for approval by the Director of the Interdisciplinary Major Program. Each program comprises nine upper-division courses including a senior thesis, drawing on at least two fields related to the student's academic interest.

This faculty committee will oversee the student's progress toward the thesis, help advise the student, and recommend its acceptance when the course of study is completed.