

MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies

The Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies degree program (IGS) supports students seeking a graduate degree for which there is no established curriculum. Students combine two graduate certificate programs and complete a research to practice capstone project to earn a Master of Science or Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies.

Requirements

To earn the degree, students must:

1. Be admitted to two graduate certificate programs prior to admission to IGS.
2. Be admitted to UAB's Graduate School with degree-seeking status.
3. Satisfy all university policies for degree completion, including residency and capstone requirements.
4. Complete the IGS Degree Plan. Subsequent modifications require IGS Program Director approval.
5. Complete a minimum of 30 distinct graduate credit hours towards the certificates.
6. Earn at least 80% of the credits within each certificate program using a standard letter grade.
7. All coursework must be part of the selected certificate programs. Substitutions must be approved by the IGS Program Director.
8. Complete the Capstone project by enrolling in GRD 690 (3-6 credit hours). Students cannot enroll in GRD 690 until 27 credit hours towards the certificates have been completed.
9. Maintain good academic standing per Graduate School Policy.

Requirements	Hours
Certificate I ¹	12-21
Certificate II ¹	12-21
GRD/IGS 690 IGS Capstone: Research to Practice	3-6
3.0 Overall GPA	
80% Standard Letter Grade Coursework Earning a Minimum Grade of "B."	
Minimum Hours (30 semester hours) ²	

¹ Grade of B or better required

² At least 30 semester hours are required to complete the MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies

Participating Certificates can be found [here](#).