

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (MA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/xe/>)

NYSED: 76083 **HEGIS:** 4903.00 **CIP:** 24.0103

Program Description

Our classes are innovative, intersectional, and interdisciplinary, and span a wide range of subjects: gender and sexuality studies, science studies, theories of the everyday, ethnography, literary theory, and interdisciplinary histories of photography, art, and print culture. Our faculty draws on the resources of the university and the city, introducing students to archives, galleries, readings, and screenings both on and off campus. Conversely, we ask students to bring their own curiosities and creative pursuits into dialogue with their intellectual work. Many of our students develop exhibitions, produce films, write books, experiment with digital media and incubate collaborative projects, all while refining their academic research and writing skills.

Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See XE: Experimental Humanities & Social Engagement (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/humanities-and-social-thought.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
CEH-GA 3015	Interdisciplinarity ¹	3
CEH-GA 3005	XE Master's Project ²	1
Select 12 credits in XE: Experimental Humanities & Social Engagement (courses with the CEH-GA prefix)		12
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		16
Total Credits		32

1

Taken in the first semester.

2

Taken in the final semester.

Additional Program Requirements

Master's Project

Students must satisfactorily complete a Master's Project, working closely with an NYU faculty member on a topic approved by XE. The Master's Project is a rigorously researched and carefully designed project of substantial scope, presented in a format that best suits the project's goals. Formats can range from traditional scholarly papers (8500-10,000 words long) to innovative creative projects (accompanied by a 2,500-word scholarly introduction), including works of fiction, photography, performance, film and digital media, as well as curatorial, community-based, and pedagogical projects. The scope of master's projects in these less traditional formats will be determined in consultation with the student's master's project advisor.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CEH-GA 3015	Interdisciplinarity	3
CEH-GA XXXX	XE Elective	4
Credits		7
2nd Semester/Term		
CEH-GA XXXX	XE Elective	4
General Elective		4
Credits		8
3rd Semester/Term		
CEH-GA XXXX	XE Elective	4
General Elective		4
Credits		8
4th Semester/Term		
CEH-GA 3005	XE Master's Project	1
General Electives		8
Credits		9
Total Credits		32

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. Crafted a curriculum from the breadth of courses in XE and across NYU to inform their area/s of inquiry that reflect a grasp of the debates and critical concepts in their field/s of study.
2. Honed writing and research skills that effectively communicate their scholarly and/or creative ideas within their chosen interdisciplinary course of study.
3. Developed a set of interdisciplinary theoretical and analytic tools from which they identify intellectual, scholarly, and creative lines of inquiry, which can include a range of academic, artistic, socially-engaged, and/or public-facing methods.
4. Identified and produced an original master's project that draws on and intervenes in relevant fields of study, and developed a format that reflects the scholarly and/or creative field/s of their choosing.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).