How to Get Started

Students interested in the IS3D major should take the following steps:

1. Visit the IS3D website and spend some time viewing the resources posted there: http://dus.sdsu.edu/dus/interdisciplinarystudies.aspx

2. Using the podcast and master plan form on the website, create a preliminary master plan draft in which you list the courses you are interested in taking for your major.

3. Attend IS3D walk-in advising (see website for days/times) in AD-220. Bring the preliminary draft (#2 above) to the meeting.

4. After receiving preliminary approval from the IS3D adviser, obtain approval from the undergraduate adviser in each of the three areas. See http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/advising/directory/index.html for an up-to-date list of advisers. Discuss your plans with each adviser and obtain approval of your plan.

5. Return your Master Plan to AD 220 for the final approval from the IS3D adviser and change of major form.

NOTE: IS3D cannot be declared on the SDSU application form. Students who select IS3D on their application will be defaulted into Undeclared or second choice of major. Students can only change to IS3D from some other major or Undeclared. This must be done by visiting the IS3D office and obtaining approval of the IS3D adviser.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

IS3D Website
http://dus.sdsu.edu/dus/interdisciplinarystudies.aspx

Division of Undergraduate Studies
Front Desk email
fronthus@mail.sdsu.edu

IS3D email
IS3Dadvisingsdsu@gmail.com

Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments (IS3D)

Are you having trouble identifying the right major?

Have you earned many units and now need to change your major?

If so, consider creating your own customized IS3D major.
WELCOME!

The Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments (IS3D) major at San Diego State University is a special major for students whose career goals or academic interests are not addressed by an existing SDSU major or major/minor pattern.

Students are responsible for identifying the fields they wish to pursue and proposing a custom set of classes for their major requirements. The diploma awarded in this major does not identify the areas of concentration.

Prospective students should be aware that not all departments at SDSU can accommodate IS3D students. Below is a list of departments that have accommodated IS3D students in the past. Use this list as a guide, not a guarantee.

**Participating Departments**

- Aerospace Studies
- Africana Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Art
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy
- *Biology
- Chemistry
- Chicano/a Studies
- *Child and Family Development
- Chinese
- Classics
- *Communication Science
- Computer Science
- *Counseling and School Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Education (broadly)
- *English & Comparative Literature
- European Studies
- French
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- German
- Gerontology
- *History
- *Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Humanities
- *International Security and Conflict Resolution
- Italian
- Japanese
- *Journalism and Media Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Learning Design & Technology
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Military Science
- Naval Science
- *Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- *Psychology
- Public Administration
- Recreation Administration
- Religious Studies
- *Rhetoric and Writing Studies
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Speech, Language and Hearing Science
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Women's Studies

* These departments have published guidelines for IS3D students to follow – see the IS3D website for details.

**Program Requirements**

**Lower Division:** You must identify a minimum of 6 units of lower division preparation in each of the three departments (more may be required). Visit the IS3D website to download the master plan form.

**Upper Division:** You must identify a minimum of 36 upper division units, with at least 9 upper division units in each department (more may be required). At least two upper division courses from each department must be taken at SDSU. Visit the IS3D website to download the master plan form.

**Foreign Language:** This major requires completion of 4 years of high school foreign language or a third semester foreign language class at the college level (or equivalent competency).

**General Education:** You may NOT use any upper division courses in your major departments to satisfy General Education Explorations requirements.

**Minor:** You may NOT declare a major or a minor in any of the three departments on your master plan, but you may declare a minor in a different department.