

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change:

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Program description* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Program requirements* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop program(s) | | |

Semester and year change(s) take effect:

Appropriate computer abbreviation
if course title is more than 30 spaces:

In space provided, briefly summarize change requested:

Programs Only*

Program Name: _____

Current Code: _____ Proposed New Code (list 2): _____ or _____
(ex: INDE-BFA)

Can have second major: ____ Yes ____ No

Current 6-digit CIP Code: _____
Does the change require a new or change in CIP code? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what is the proposed 6-digit CIP code?* _____

*for reference, please visit: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56>

Program to be promoted to prospective
undergraduate students by TCU Admissions? Yes No

Catalog Copy: *if additional space or formatting is needed, include as an attachment*

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable):

Proposed change(s): Include exact catalog copy as desired. Strike-through deletions and underline changes in Adobe Acrobat by using Ctrl+E (PC) or Cmd+E (Mac).

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? YES
If yes, list additional resources needed. NO

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).

6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.

Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

Current Markup:

Interdisciplinary Studies, BA or BS

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Interested students should email IINQ@tcu.edu with: their proposed topic of inquiry, how that focus contributes to their long-term educational and/or career goals, and the divergent disciplines that can contribute to that focus. For this major, students are required to take [INTR 30103](#), “Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies,” where they learn about the nature of interdisciplinary studies and set their course plan. Students must also take [INTR 30403](#), “Epistemology and Methods,” and complete a capstone project in [INTR 40103](#), “Interdisciplinary Inquiry Major Capstone.”

To be eligible for the program, students must have earned a TCU GPA at or above 3.0 and have earned at least 12, but not more than 66, semester hours credit. The eligibility of incoming transfer students (who lack a TCU GPA) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The proposed program of study must consist of a minimum of 36 semester hours chosen from at least two different academic disciplines; 24 of the hours must be upper-division (30000 or above).

- No more than 24 hours may be taken from a single academic discipline.
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For both the B.A. and B.S. degrees, a minor is required. For the B.A. degree, 4th semester proficiency in a foreign language is required. For the B.S. degree, sufficient coursework of a quantitative nature must be included in the proposed course of study to justify the B.S. degree. The choice between the B.A. and B.S. degrees is to be determined by the nature of the proposed course of study, rather than any aversion to either foreign language or quantitative coursework, and is subject to the approval of the associate dean.

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