

**UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE COUNCIL: PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE/PROGRAM/POLICY**

**Originating Unit:** College of Education

**Select appropriate council for review:**

**Undergraduate Course** for Undergraduate Council Review

• (50000 - level courses are considered both undergraduate and graduate level courses and should first be routed to the Undergraduate Council for review and approval. UG Council will then route approved courses to Graduate Council for review and approval.)

Core Curriculum Consideration (course requests to be vetted by core curriculum committee for addition to TCU Core Curriculum following approval by Undergraduate Council)

**Graduate Course** for Graduate Council Review

**Type of action:**  In-person course  Fully online course (Fall and/or Spring Semesters Only)

**Type of change requested:**

Course Number

Program Prerequisite(s)\* (must complete “Programs Only” section below)

Course Description

Program Requirements\*(must complete “Programs Only” section below)

Drop Course

Drop Program\*\*

*\*\*A SACSCOC Drop Program Justification form will need to be completed*

Course Prerequisites(s)

TCU Core Curriculum Course?

Course Title

Other, please specify

Policy Change\*\*\* (Change in undergraduate or graduate program policy that impacts several programs)

*\*\*\*Attach documentation to justify and describe the requested policy change*

**Semester and year change will take effect:** Fall 2025

**Course component type:** Activity

**Current name:**

**Proposed name:**

**Appropriate computer abbreviation (30 spaces or less):**

**Programs Only** Current program code: (ex:EDCE-PHD) IINQ-BA, IINQ-BS

Proposed code (list 2) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Current CIP code: 30.0000

Does change require new or change in CIP code:  Yes  No

If yes, what is the proposed new CIP code:

\*\*\*for reference please visit: [nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56)

Can have a second major:  Yes  No

Is the program already considered TCU STEM?  Yes  No

Does the change include a request to be a TCU STEM program?  Yes  No

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

**Description of change** (omit if dropping a course or program):

The COE would like to remove the 66-hour cap for declaring the interdisciplinary inquiry major.

**Present Catalog Copy:**

see attached

**Proposed Catalog Copy:**

see attached

**What is the justification and supporting evidence for the change requested?**

Placing a cap on the total hours earned before a student can declare interdisciplinary studies as a major places an unnecessary barrier for students who may realize they have interest in this major later in their studies, as well as for those who are transfer students bringing a considerable number of hours with them to TCU.

**Explain how the change(s) will affect the current learning outcomes and assessment mechanisms?**

This will not change program outcomes or assessment mechanisms.

**Faculty & Other Resources:** How will the unit provide support for this change and any other impact this change may have on the current departmental listings?

This will not impact current departmental listings.

**Additional resources required:**

- Faculty:
- Space:
- Equipment:
- Library:
- Financial Aid:
- Other:

**Change in teaching load:**  Yes  No

**Does this change affect any other units of the University?**  Yes  No

If yes, attach supporting statement signed by chair of affected unit.

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

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**Chair of Originating Unit: (Chair is also attesting that the appropriate departmental curriculum committee has reviewed and approved the change, if applicable):**

**Name:** Cynthia Savage

**Unit:** College of Education

**Signature:** *Cynthia Savage*

**College curriculum committee chair signature (attesting to committee review and approval)**

**Name:**

Endia Lindo

**Unit:**

College of Education

**Signature:**

*Endia J Lindo*  
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**Dean or Dean's designee approval.**

**Name:**

Cynthia Savage

**Unit:**

College of Education

**Signature:**

*Cynthia Savage*

(revised 02.29.2024)

## Current Markup:

### Interdisciplinary Studies, BA or BS

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Interested students should email [IINQ@tcu.edu](mailto: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 **to apply** for the program, students must have earned a GPA at or above 3.0 and have earned at least 12, but not more than 66, semester hours credit.

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, and is subject to the approval of the associate dean.

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