



The University of Texas at Austin
Bridging Disciplines Programs
School of Undergraduate Studies

Housed in the School of Undergraduate Studies, the Bridging Disciplines Programs allow students to earn a transcript-recognized interdisciplinary certificate that integrates major/minor courses, core requirements, electives, internships, and research experiences.

General Information:

- The Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs) offer students the opportunity to add a secondary area of specialization to their degrees.
- Undergraduate students from any major are eligible to apply to a BDP. The minimum GPA requirement is a 2.0. Students must be in at least the second semester of their freshman year to be eligible to apply.
- With proper planning, a BDP certificate should not add time to a student's degree. Students must have *at least* 2 semesters remaining at UT after the application semester in order to apply.

Information Sessions:

Tuesdays, 11am-12pm and Wednesdays, 3pm-4pm in FAC 4. Call 512-232-7564 to schedule an alternate information session.

How to Apply:

Applications are accepted in the fall (October) and spring (March). For exact deadlines, visit www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp/prospective/apply. Students should attend an information session prior to applying.

Contact Information:
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Foundation Courses

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies, concepts, and issues related to the BDP topic.

Most programs have a one-credit hour forum seminar (BDP 101), offered one semester per year. Forum seminars are a great way for prospective students to learn more about a BDP topic.



Connecting Experiences

Connecting Experiences offer students hands-on experience related to the BDP topic. Options include internships, independent research projects, research assistantships, or creative projects (for Digital Arts & Media students). Each Connecting Experience is overseen by a faculty mentor.

Connecting Experiences may be integrated with major internships/practicums, major research requirements, honors theses, study abroad, and other UT programs (i.e. Archer Fellowship Program, UT-LA).



Strand Courses

Strand courses offer students an opportunity to focus on their specific interests, and also provide them with an interdisciplinary perspective on the BDP topic.



19 credit hours

Upon completion of the program requirements and submission of an Integration Essay, students will earn a transcript-recognized certificate.

Children & Society

- Explores the development of children and the social forces that impact them.
- Concentration areas: Adolescence; Children & Health; Children & the Family; Children & Public Policy; Children, Media & the Arts; Early Childhood Intervention; Education, Language & Literacy; Intervention & Vulnerable Children

Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies

- Promotion of conflict resolution in interpersonal, institutional, societal, and global contexts.
- In addition to a BDP certificate, students earn a certificate in conflict mediation.

Design Strategies

- Teaches students to apply a multidisciplinary framework for human-centered design thinking in order to solve product, systems, service, and social problems.

Digital Arts & Media

- Explores the use of computer technology and production techniques to create digital art. Students develop skills in areas such as gaming, animation, computer-generated music, and interactive media.

Environment & Sustainability

- Examines contemporary environmental issues including sustainability, conservation, food and natural resource management, media, and policy.

Ethics & Leadership - Four Certificate Options

- Ethics & Leadership in Business
- Ethics & Leadership in Health Care
- Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government
- Ethics & Leadership in Technology & the Media

Human Rights & Social Justice

- Introduction to the study and practice of domestic and international human rights issues. Students choose courses that explore human rights issues related to social groups and social justice, nationalism, imperialism and war, and theory, policy and institutions.

Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship

- Teaches students how to develop entrepreneurial ventures, provides historical and futuristic contexts for innovation, and explores creative processes relevant to specific disciplines.

Museum Studies

- Offers the opportunity to develop an understanding of how museums, archives, libraries, galleries, and related institutions function as sites of collecting, education, and research.

Public Policy

- Examines the development process and implementation of public policy, focusing on how change happens.
- Contexts: Communication Policy; Community & Urban Policy; Economic Policy; Education Policy; Race, Immigration & Citizenship; Science & Technology Policy

Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits

- Introduces students to social enterprise and the administration of non-profit organizations.
- Concentration areas: Art & Social Change; Community Welfare & Social Justice; Environment; Health & Health Care; International Development; Youth & Family

Social Inequality, Health & Policy

- Applies a population studies perspective to explore factors that influence overall well-being: social/economic disparities, public health, and policy.
- Concentration areas: Social Inequality; Public Health; Family, Fertility & the Life Course; Migration & Diaspora