Interdisciplinary Education at Penn

Data Snapshot

1440 of Penn students in Dual/Joint Degree\(^1\) or Certificate Programs
970 undergraduates (including 179 in sub-matriculation programs\(^2\))
470 graduate/professional students

676 of the 2142 majors completed in the College last year were interdisciplinary\(^3\)

53% of all Penn Faculty are in more than one graduate group

~150 Interdisciplinary Centers and Institutes

Examples of Interdisciplinary Centers and Institutes

- Center of Excellence in Cancer Communication Research
- Institute for Medicine and Engineering
- Center for East Asian Studies
- Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict
- Center for Gerontologic Nursing Science
- Penn Genomics Institute

Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Educational Programs

Examples of Dual/Joint Degree Programs

- The Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business
  - SAS/Wharton program
  - Admits 40 students annually
- The Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology
  - SEAS/Whaton program
  - Admits 55 students annually
- Nursing and Health Care Management
  - Nursing/Wharton program
  - Admits 10-11 students annually
- Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management
  - SAS/Wharton program
  - Admits 25 students annually

Examples of Sub-Matriculation Programs

- Combined JD Program with all four undergraduate schools
- Seven-Year Bio-Dental Program
- MS.Ed. Program for teacher certification

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\(^1\) Leads to a degree(s) or certificate in two disciplines.
\(^2\) Leads to both a bachelor's and a graduate or professional degree.
\(^3\) Students who complete more than one major are counted once for each major
Examples of Cross-disciplinary Programs

- Communication (133 majors)
- Biological Basis of Behavior (96 majors)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (73 majors)
- Cinema Studies (new program, graduated first 12 majors last year)

Examples of University Minors

- Legal Studies and History
- Nutrition
- Organizations and Environmental Management
- Urban Real Estate and Development

Interdisciplinary Graduate Educational Programs

Examples of Interdisciplinary Graduate Groups

- Neuroscience
- Art & Archaeology of the Mediterranean World
- Criminology
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations

Examples of Joint degree programs

- The Lauder Institute’s MBA/MA program (127 current students)
- The MD-PhD program (138 current students)

Examples of Interdisciplinary Training Programs

- Medical Scientist Training Program
  - Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine
  - 50 students
- Cell and Molecular Biology Training Grant
  - Supports programs in all biomedical disciplines
  - 25 Students
- Training Program in Language and Communications
  - Education, SEAS, Psychology
- Graduate Training in Methods for Field-based Research in Education
  - Education, Wharton, SAS, Annenberg

Websites on Interdisciplinary Programs and Policies

For Prospective Students:  http://www.upenn.edu/admissions/undergrad/Interdis/

For Undergraduates:  http://www.upenn.edu/programs/interschool.php

For PhD Students:  http://www.upenn.edu/grad/phdquestions.html