



ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree program at RU prepares you to creatively solve real-world problems by combining knowledge and skills from multiple disciplines. You will chart your own unique path by choosing two disciplines that align with your interests and gifts, while integrating them through research and practice. Multiple interdisciplinary combinations are possible through options in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and fine and performing arts, as well as specifically designed degree plans in pre-medicine or pre-physician assistant.

YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

- EXPLORE.** Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.
- PREPARE.** Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.
- INTEGRATE.** Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.
- CALLING.** Discern what God has called you to be and do.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Students in the Interdisciplinary Studies program complete a curriculum of general studies coursework, and choose two of the following areas of concentration:

- Art
- Biblical Studies
- Business
- English
- Financial Planning
- General Science
- History
- International Studies
- Mass Communication
- Mathematics
- Ministry
- Nonprofit Management
- Performing Arts
- Professional Writing
- Psychology
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Strategic Leadership
- Theatre

CONCENTRATION IN PRE-MED

Thinking about medical school? This degree from RU gives you a strong foundation in general studies, while offering a concentration in pre-med. The program is designed specifically for medical school and MCAT preparation.

CONCENTRATION IN PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Physician assistants practice medicine on teams with physicians, surgeons and other healthcare workers. They work in all areas of medicine, including primary care and family medicine, emergency medicine and psychiatry. With this degree, you'll receive a strong foundation in general studies, along with a specific Pre-Physician's Assistant program that prepares you for PA school.



WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

This degree prepares graduates for careers aligning with their chosen vocations, such as:

- Counselor
- Journalist
- Admissions Counselor
- Entrepreneur
- Public Relations Specialist
- Professor
- Project Manager
- And more!

This degree also prepares you well for further education in graduate school, medical school, law school or a physician's assistant program.



MISSION

Rochester University prepares students for professional and personal success as they serve in God's world.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The following learning outcomes are linked to assignments and activities throughout this program. After completing program requirements,



Students will be able to discover creative insights to real world problems by applying theory to practice in various settings.



Students will be able to articulate their personal beliefs, values, attitudes and abilities through a unique integration of disciplines in relation to the Christian story and service in God's world



Students will be able to critically evaluate and integrate knowledge across the arts and sciences.



Students will be able to effectively communicate ideas and collaborate with others in multidisciplinary settings.



Students will be able to demonstrate contextual thinking, drawing from multiple perspectives within the fabric of time, culture and personal experience.

WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY:



HANNAH WILKINSON

Class of 2016

“RU provided me the opportunity to design a degree that fit my personal career goals. I had a wide scope of interests, and the professors worked with me to focus my degree plan. We knew combining complementary fields would provide a versatile college experience and equip me for an exciting career.”

HOW DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD?