

BS Interdisciplinary Studies CPR Index (AY22-23)

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Comprehensive Program

Department of Political Science

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AY 2018	AY 2019	AY 2020	AY 2021	AY 2022	3 YR Growth	AY2020 compared AY2022
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Program Purpose and Mission (as of fall 2023): The B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS B.S.) degree program is designed for students who have an interest in meeting societal needs

through a unique interdisciplinary perspective. The IDS B.S. cultivates professional skills by preparing students to successfully apply writing, communication, research, and ethics across multiple disciplines toward the betterment of individuals and communities. This program allows

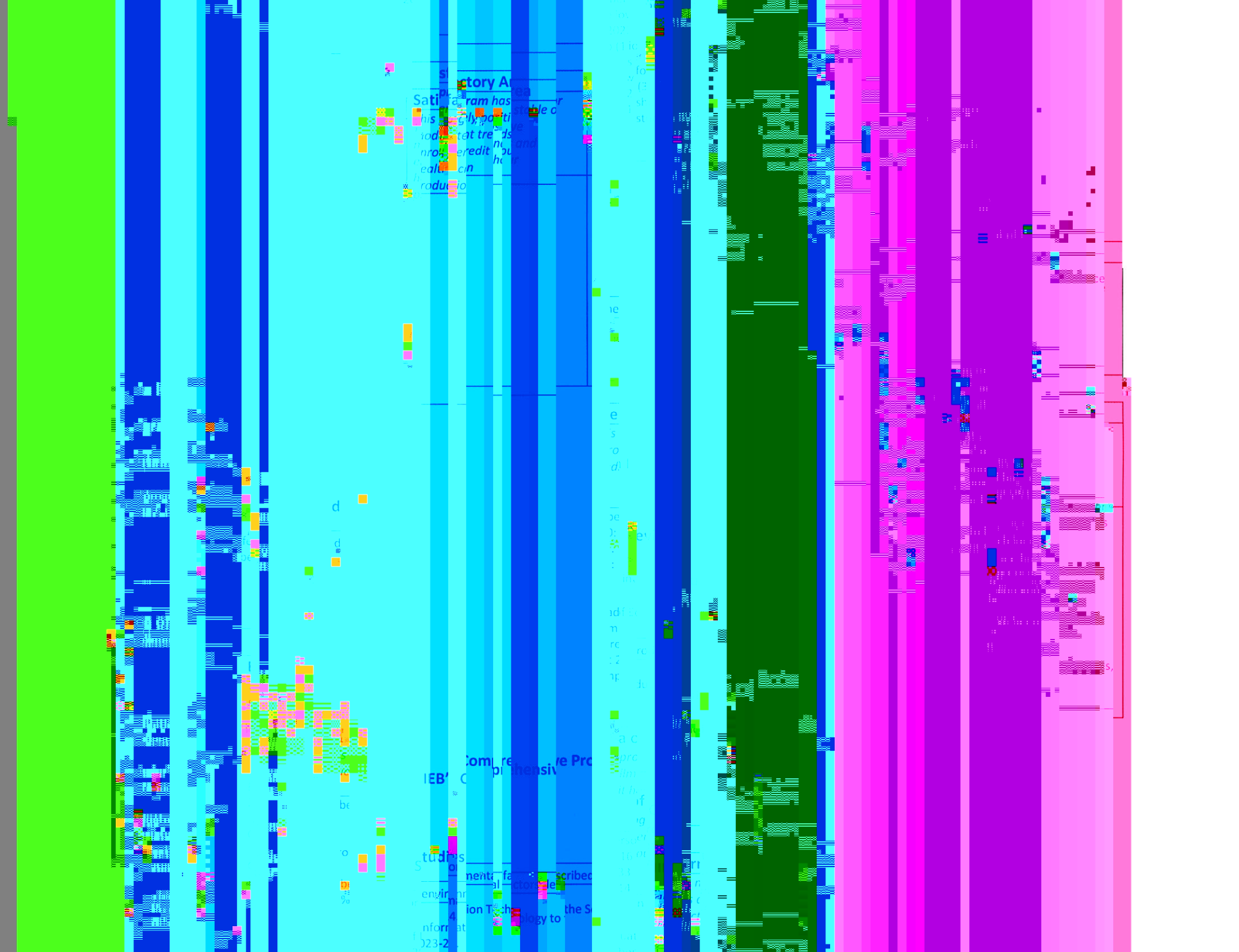
defined list of concentrations or tracks, students select a primary focus area (or concentration) that includes five upper-level courses in a discipline or field, and may optionally select a

Administration) is also introduced in Area F to give students a common lower-level course in the degree program to strengthen a freshman-level three-course focus area along with MATH 1401 and POLS 1101. The upper-level IDS core was also expanded to include a required course on conflict resolution and negotiation (POLS 3640/PBSV 3040), and elective options in the core were also updated to include additional methods, communications, and cultural competency electives offered by various departments and schools and reflect curricular changes and course

renumberings (such as the creation of the professional writing/PFWR course prefix). Finally, the requirement for advisor approval of elective credit was removed to align the degree more closely with current practice in other degree programs such as the BAIS and reduce student confusion.

Shifting trends and market forces that may impact program demand: The primary audiences

for the B.S. in IDS degree program to date have been non-traditional students, particularly students who have returned to college with a large number of earned credits but no bachelor's



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Program Review Rubric and Evaluation

Program represents a larger appeal to “untraditional students” making it less concentration is also a draw as it allows greater student choice and flexibility.

It overall is balanced by the rising online demand.

It among three departments, with impending updates to core and elective it is, consistency should be established, although for this review period it is still a

of the reason for some of the instabilities and concerns noted.

IEB's Comprehensive Program Review Rubric and Evaluation

Comprehensive Program Review Report

College or School: School of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Department: Political Science

Date of Last Internal Review: This is the first CPR review of the BSIS

Outcome of Previous Program Review (brief narrative statement if applicable): N/A

Categorical Summation

Check any of the following to categorically describe action(s) the institution will take concerning this program.

Program MEETS Institution's Criteria

Program is critical to the institutional mission and is growing or a high demand field

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Provosts Response:

Heidi Thompson reviewed the comprehensive program review for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Interdisciplinary Studies.