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General

Program Title

Humanities & Global Studies BA

Degree Designation(s)

BA - Bachelor of Arts

Program Level

UG - Undergraduate

Status

Active

School

Humanities and Global Studies

Convening Group

Interdisciplinary Studies (INTD)

Program Description

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An Interdisciplinary Studies graduate shall:

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Students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies are encouraged to double major and/or minor to increase their career options and opportunities.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Major leads to the B.A. degree.

Concentration(s)

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Rationale

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Effective Start Term

Fall 2026

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Aug 26, 2026

Coursedog Only Catalog Fields

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Ramapo Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Goals and Outcomes

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Outcome 1: Written comm: Write effectively in scholarly and creative contexts.

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Requirements

Simple Requisites

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Convening Group

+ Interdisciplinary Studies (INTD) - Not Set

Effective Start Date

+ 2026-08-26 - 2021-09-01

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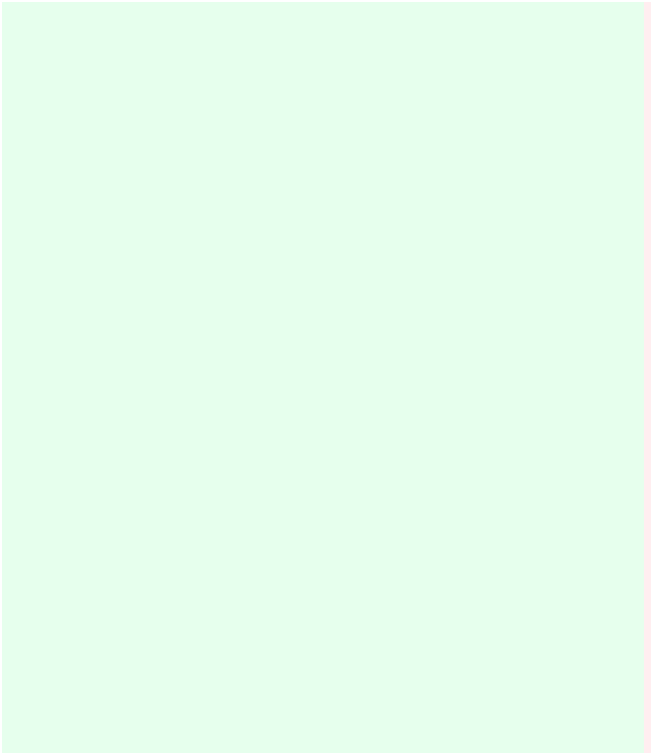
Additional Comments

In addition to the completion of the School of Humanities and Global Studies School Core (Language Proficiency) and General Education program requirements, the following are required for the Humanities and Global Studies Major:

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: A Statement of Justification must be on file and approved by the Dean and assigned faculty advisors. This contract must include a list of which courses (including independent studies) a student will count toward completing the major.

ELEVEN COURSES: The contract major in Humanities and Global Studies will include at least eleven courses in a concentrated program of study. At least six of these courses (24 credits) must be from courses offered by the School of Humanities and Global Studies and include:

- **One 300-level Independent Study:** One of the eleven courses completed by all Humanities and Global Studies majors must be an independent study in original research.
- **One significant experiential learning activity:** In addition to or as part of their eleven courses, all Humanities and Global Studies majors must complete a significant experiential learning activity that enriches classroom time with concrete experience. This may include: service learning, internship, co-op,



presenting a research paper at a professional conference or in a journal, or study abroad. The Humanities and Global Studies Convener must approve the significant experiential learning activity.

SELF-EVALUATION STATEMENT FOR GRADUATION: is required for all Humanities and Global Studies majors to graduate. It must be submitted to the Dean and assigned faculty advisors, along with the graduation application. The purpose of the Self-Evaluation Statement is to reflect back on the experience of completing the major.

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