

Interdisciplinary Opportunities

Washington University offers courses through interdisciplinary programs that include studies in a variety of disciplines that cross traditional academic boundaries and support academic areas outside of the schools.

- **Interdisciplinary Courses**

Graduate students can speak with their advisors with regard to enrolling in individual courses available outside of their school that may advance their research or professional goals. An internal tuition agreement valid across the university's graduate and professional schools enables interdisciplinary study by allowing enrollment in classes outside of the student's home school. Many undergraduate and graduate courses are available for graduate student enrollment, subject to the following eligibility guidelines:

- The student must be enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program and have the approval of their faculty advisor or administrative officer to take a course outside of their home school.
- Courses will be open to students outside of the discipline only if those students have met the required prerequisites and have the approval of both their department/advisor and the course instructor.
- Finally, courses in the evening divisions, including the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, are not part of this agreement. Courses that require individualized instruction and/or additional fees (e.g., independent studies, individual music lessons) are also excluded.

- **Teaching Citation — Center for Teaching and Learning**

The Teaching Citation is a professional-development program open to Washington University graduate students. The purpose of the program is to provide formalized pedagogical training to help graduate students prepare for careers that involve teaching. Graduate students who complete the program will participate in a learning community in which they will 1) develop knowledge of effective pedagogy, including evidence-based teaching methods, by completing one Foundations in Teaching and five advanced-level CTL workshops, 2) gain expertise with varied teaching methods by documenting three qualifying teaching experiences, and 3) develop, reflect on, and refine on their teaching approach by writing an engaging teaching philosophy statement.

Documenting one's teaching experience includes demonstrating that the required number of teaching hours have been met, attaining faculty or CTL observation and student feedback on one's teaching activities, and writing a self-reflection. The qualifying teaching experiences that can be counted toward the Teaching Citation include, for example, include leading a weekly discussion or recitation subsection, leading regular review- or help-sessions, presenting course lectures, teaching a course independently, and mentoring a student in a research project. Teaching experiences must be approved by CTL staff.

- A limited opportunity for some Washington University students to enroll in courses at Saint Louis University and the University of Missouri–St. Louis is available through the Inter-University Exchange Program.
- The Skandalaris Center offers cocurricular programming and practical, hands-on training and funding opportunities to students and faculty in all disciplines and schools.
- The McDonnell International Scholars Academy is an endowed fellowship program that offers generous financial support toward graduate and professional degree studies at Washington University in St. Louis.