Interdisciplinary Ph.D. (INPR)

Degree Offered
Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description
The interdisciplinary Ph.D. program provides students and faculty with opportunities for creative customized academic programming and research that crosses the boundaries of traditional disciplines.

Each student's program is reviewed by the Graduate School and is subject to approval by the University Board of Graduate Studies, which acts as the governing department.

Any INPR program must combine course work and expertise from two or more academic departments at Marquette. Faculty may serve on an INPR committee whether or not their department offers a doctoral degree.

Prerequisites for Admission
Due to the unique nature of the interdisciplinary program, only students who demonstrate a high degree of initiative and responsibility are considered for admission. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must have completed a master's degree or its equivalent.
2. The student normally must have a graduate GPA of 3.500 or above, on a 4.000 scale, in their master’s degree (or equivalent graduate work). If the student has less than a 3.500 cumulative GPA, the results of a current (within five years) standardized examination such as the GRE, GMAT, or LSAT are required. Applications for admission are reviewed holistically. In recent years, the average GRE scores for the Graduate School have been in the range of: GRE-Quantitative 47th-77th percentile; GRE-Verbal 50th-74th percentile.

Application Process
To gain admission into the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, the student must satisfy all application requirements, which can be found on the Graduate School website (http://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-interdisciplinary-phd.php).

Upon approval of the UBGS, the student can be admitted and can begin taking courses in accordance with the Graduate School website (http://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-interdisciplinary-phd.php). A maximum of 12 credit hours may be taken prior to approval of the Degree Proposal and Plan.

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Students may take a maximum of 12 credit hours prior to the approval of the Degree Proposal and Plan. During that time, students develop the Degree Proposal and Plan as specified online (http://www.marquette.edu/grad/programs-interdisciplinary-phd.php).

Interdisciplinary doctoral students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of course work beyond the master’s degree, satisfactorily complete a doctoral qualifying examination, complete 12 dissertation credits and successfully defend a dissertation.

Annual progress reports written by the student and endorsed by the dissertation committee chair must be submitted to the University Board of Graduate Studies (UBGS) in April of each year.

Courses
INPR 8995. Independent Study in Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Faculty-supervised, independent study/research of a specific area or topic in Interdisciplinary Studies. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of graduate prog. dir.

INPR 8999. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 cr. hrs.
S/U grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program; Ph.D. candidates pursuing an approved interdisciplinary Ph.D. program.

INPR 9970. Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as less than half-time status only, cannot be used in conjunction with other courses, and does not qualify students for financial aid or loan deferment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.
INPR 9974. Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9975. Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9976. Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9987. Doctoral Qualifying Examination Preparation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week toward their doctoral qualifying exam. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9988. Doctoral Qualifying Examination Preparation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week toward their doctoral qualifying exam. May be taken in conjunction with credit-bearing or other non-credit courses to result in the status indicated, as deemed appropriate by the department. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9989. Doctoral Qualifying Examination Preparation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week toward their doctoral qualifying exam. May be taken in conjunction with credit-bearing or other non-credit courses to result in the status indicated, as deemed appropriate by the department. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9997. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their doctoral dissertation. All 12 dissertation credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Doctoral Dissertation Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.; cons. of prog. dir. and admitted to INPR program.

INPR 9998. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
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