INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Combine your academic interests and defy the boundaries of traditional discipline-specific graduate programs. UNB can facilitate individualized interdisciplinary research, allowing students to pursue innovative ideas and fresh ways of thinking to address complex research topics.

Our students are supported by over 75 faculty members across the Fredericton and Saint John campuses—faculty research spans the major disciplines, providing diversity and flexibility for students. Graduates of our interdisciplinary studies programs land impressive jobs in academia, and in the private and public sectors.

Current students are researching broad topics, including: transgender advocacy; cultural ‘translation’ of standardized tests for school students in Spanish-speaking countries; economic development in Northern Ontario—reconciling First Nations approaches with Canadian approaches; the role of government in supporting innovation; novel approaches to socioeconomic data modelling, fish processing quality improvement in Alaska, qualitative exploration of women’s appearance post cancer diagnosis and treatment; perceptions of aging masters’ athletes involved in high risk sports, workplace wellness, and more.

DEGREES OFFERED
M IDST, PhD IDST

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Open; for funding consideration:
May 31 (Fall intake),
October 31 (Winter intake)

STUDY OPTIONS
Thesis/Dissertation

DURATION
2 Years (M IDST),
4 years (PhD IDST)

ENTRY TERMS
Fall, Winter
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Prior to applying, interested students must first secure a research supervisor.
• All applicants are expected to submit:
  • Five page thesis/dissertation proposal (with working bibliography), which includes a paragraph explaining why they wish to pursue a master’s or doctoral degree in IDST, and a paragraph explaining the different disciplines the candidate will bring to the research topic
  • A letter from the supervisor indicating their willingness to supervise the applicant
  • A sample of a sustained piece of academic writing (e.g. term paper of 15-20 pages, or thesis chapter)
  • Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work taken at any postsecondary institution attended
• Masters applicants require a four year program (preferably honours or equivalent) with at least an A- average.
• PhD applicants require a master’s degree with thesis, or equivalent research experience, and at least an A- average.
• International applicants whose first language is not English must submit language scores that meet or exceed:
  • TOEFL = 100
  • TWE = 5.5
  • IELTS = Band 7