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## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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The Graduate Center offers doctoral work in over thirty individual fields. It also offers opportunities for interdisciplinary research and training. It recognizes that the development of knowledge crosses traditional departmental boundaries and that interdisciplinary study constitutes a sound and stimulating approach to scholarship. To facilitate interdisciplinary work, the Graduate Center has established the Interdisciplinary Studies Steering Committee, which is responsible for encouraging and developing interdisciplinary graduate studies. Students interested in interdisciplinary work, like all other doctoral students, are enrolled in one of the programs offered and are expected to fulfill the requirements of that program. At the same time, doctoral students can take advantage of several kinds of interdisciplinary doctoral studies.

Students at the Graduate Center have the opportunity to develop their own individual interdisciplinary program, under the supervision of their “home” program and with the assistance of the Interdisciplinary Studies Steering Committee.

Students who fulfill the requirements of a certificate program have this noted on their transcripts when they graduate.

The Graduate Center also offers a number of interdisciplinary concentrations. Some of the concentrations regularly offer core courses, while others guide students in finding courses across different academic disciplines that relate to the concentration. When students finish the requirements for a concentration, they are awarded a physical certificate but not a transcript notation.

Seven interdisciplinary certificate programs are offered: American Studies, Demography, Film Studies, Interactive Technology and Pedagogy, Medieval Studies, Renaissance Studies, and Women’s Studies. Interdisciplinary curricula and concentrations have also been developed in Advanced Social Research, Africana Studies, Cognitive Science, European Union Studies, Fashion Studies, Language and Literacy, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Lesbian/Gay/Queer Studies, Psychology of Political Behavior, Public Policy and Urban Studies, Twentieth-Century Studies, and Urban Health and Society. These concentrations are detailed in the pages that follow.

Students fulfilling the requirements of one of the existing doctoral programs can fashion a specialization in any one of the concentrations with the guidance of the Interdisciplinary

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Studies Steering Committee and under the supervision of specialists within these areas. (For further information, see detailed descriptions under the appropriate headings.)

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**Courses**

*Note:* See program listings.