The University of Montana Offers the opportunity for students to tailor their doctoral degree to fit their personal and professional goals when not accommodated by any of the current University degrees offered by other disciplines. Students are expected to be motivated, focused and able to actively participate in their educational process.

This program
• Creates interdisciplinary scholarly approach.
• Develops unique curriculums.
• Connects personal background with academic pursuits.
• Promotes dialogue between disciplines.
• Encourages a student-centered learning approach.

Individualized Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program

Interdisciplinary Studies—Doctoral degree
Promoting interdisciplinary thinking where students bring forward a problem or series of problems to research, and seek out faculty with the resources and expertise to assist them in defining and executing the research goals and the skills and competencies needed to reach those goals.
Steps to creating your program

1. Contact the Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs
2. Contact Faculty about your ideas
3. Develop your program
4. Meet as often as necessary with prospective committee members
   (at least two meetings with the whole committee)
5. Write your IIP Proposal
6. Consult with the Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs as often as necessary
7. Have the IIP Proposal ready one month before the application deadline
8. Attend 2(two) required meetings
9. Submit online application / Prospective Committee chair submits IIP proposal

Designing your program

Prospective students will need 45 credits of G- and UG- coursework beyond the master’s degree; UG- classes have to be taken with the graduate increment; and some of the coursework might be in the form of independent study, internship and seminar credits; and at least 10 of these credits will be dissertation or research. Prospective students will also need a

a) Comprehensive exam, format to be determined by the student’s graduate committee, AND
b) A dissertation