

# HONOURS BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (INS)

## About the Program

Turn your diploma into a degree. This flexible program is designed to use your existing postsecondary credits or credential to complete a degree. It can also help you advance your career or pursue further post-graduate education opportunities. As an eligible diploma graduate, you can enter the degree in year three and graduate in two years. Gain practical experience and industry connections through a work term. This program is also a good fit for students without existing postsecondary experience who wish to explore a variety of subjects with flexibility while completing a bachelor's degree.

## Sequence

The Honours Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program is designed to meet your individual needs. If you hold a two- or three-year diploma with a 3.0 GPA, you may be eligible to start this program at year 3 (semester 5), completing the degree in just four semesters and a work term.

**Part-time option is available** > (<http://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/ce/humanities/interdisciplinary-studies.html>)

## Credential Awarded

Honours Bachelor Degree

## Duration

8 Semesters (4 Years)

## Starts

January, September

## Program and Course Delivery

This program is offered in Seneca's flexible delivery format. Using interactive learning spaces, professors teach in person to students in a physical classroom or lab and stream to students online at the same time. In courses delivered in the flexible format, students have a choice of coming to campus for an in-person experience or learning online.

## Work Experience

### Mandatory Degree Work Term

A work experience that includes at least one term in a formal work environment. The work term(s) may be a paid or unpaid position that is completed between two academic semesters and requires a minimum of 420 hours of work. Students must be in good standing and meet all identified requirements prior to participating in the work experience. The successful completion of the work term(s) is required for graduation. Eligibility for participation does not guarantee that a work position will be secured. Additional fees are required for the mandatory degree work term regardless of success in securing a work position.

## Your Career

When you graduate from this program, these are the types of career options you can explore:

- Community-based not-for-profit organization
- Education (school boards and universities)
- Government
- Financial industry
- Conservation authorities
- Police forces
- Retail

## Program of Study

### Direct Entry Student (Sample Curriculum Path)

For students with no previous postsecondary credits, Semester 1-4 courses will be determined in conjunction with the program co-ordinator.

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
<b>Semester 5</b>		
ENG207	Introduction - Scholarly Research and Writing	3
INR200	Introduction to Research Methods	3
INS100	Power and Human Behaviour	3
INW100	World Civilizations: Bronze Age to the 15th Century	3
INX117	Foundations of Global Sustainability	3
<b>Semester 6</b>		
INR300	Capstone Research Project I	3
INS200	Political Science and Economics	3
INW200	World Civilizations: 16th Century to Modern Times	3
INX100	Introduction to the Natural Sciences	3
plus: Liberal Studies Course (1)		3
<b>Semester 7</b>		
INC300	Professional Identity in a Digital World	3
INR700	Capstone Research Project II	3
INS394	Voices from the Front: Contemporary Indigeneity	3
INX301	Navigating Natural Disasters	3
WTP200	Work Term Preparation	1
plus: Liberal Studies Course (1)		3
<b>Work-Integrated Learning Term</b>		
INS881	Interdisciplinary Studies, Work Term	35
<b>Semester 8</b>		
INH302	Political Ideology: Theory and Practice	3
INR800	Capstone Research Project III	3
SMB701	Global Sustainability: Sustainable Development Goals	3
plus: Liberal Studies Course (2)		6

Seneca has been granted a consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree for a seven-year term starting Oct. 9, 2020. In conformity with the Minister's criteria and requirements, Seneca will submit an application for the renewal of the consent for this program 12 months prior to the expiration of the consent. Seneca shall ensure that all students admitted to the above-named program during the period

of consent will have the opportunity to complete the program within a reasonable time frame.

## Program Learning Outcomes

This Seneca program has been validated by the Credential Validation Service as an Ontario College Credential as required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Apply theoretical knowledge from two or more disciplines to analyze real life situations.
- Integrate knowledge and modes of thinking from two or more disciplines to propose solutions to complex issues and problems using an analytical approach.
- Develop critical thinking, synthesis, and research skills that transfer across various disciplines and in professional, social, or cultural contexts.
- Assess the appropriateness of different kinds of research design and methodology when developing research plans and conducting research.
- Communicate information and ideas through various media based on an understanding of diverse social and cultural contexts.
- Analyze societal circumstances, values, and ideas through an interdisciplinary lens that broadens perspectives, knowledge, skills, and interconnections.
- Apply ethical reasoning and global perspectives when analyzing information, evaluating situations, and making socially responsible decisions.
- Apply interdisciplinary knowledge when engaging in experiential learning to develop competencies for professional practice.
- Integrate vocational education and training skills and knowledge into learning in academic disciplines.
- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the societies and cultures in the world.

## Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent, including six Grade 12 U or M courses with a minimum overall average of 65%,

or a mature applicant (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/mature-applicants.html>).

- Required courses with minimum final grade of 65% in each:
  - English: Grade 12 ENG4U

Learn about Seneca's free English upgrading course (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/upgrading-options/english-12u-equivalency.html>) and math upgrading course (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/upgrading-options/math-12u-equivalency.html>) for applicants who don't meet the high school requirements, as well as recommended upgrading for applicants who don't meet their academic subject requirements. (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/upgrading-options.html>)

## International Student Information

International admissions requirements vary by program and in addition to English requirements (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/english-requirements.html>), programs may require credits in mathematics, biology, and chemistry at a level equivalent to Ontario's curriculum, or a postsecondary degree or diploma, equivalent to an Ontario university or college. Program-specific pre-requisite courses and credentials are listed with the admission requirements on each program page. To review the academic requirements please visit: Academic Requirements - Seneca, Toronto, Canada ([senecapolytechnic.ca](https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca)) (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html>).

## Pathways

As a leader in academic pathways, we offer a range of options that will allow you to take your credential further in another Seneca program or a program at a partner institution.

To learn more about your eligibility, visit the Academic Pathways (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/pathways.html>) web page.