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AB IS at a Glance

Core Curriculum Courses (C) 79 units Other Courses 14 units

INTACT 11 and 12 Intro to Ateneo Culture and Traditions 11 and 12
PE 1, 2, 3, and 4 Physical Education 1, 2, 3, and 4 (8 units)
NSTP 11 and 12 National Service Training Program 11 and 12 (6 units)

11 Major Electives (ME) 33 units

AB Interdisciplinary Studies majors will take a total of 11 Major Electives in two Tracks of their choice:

Anthropology•Communication•Computer Science:Management
Information Systems•Computer Science:Multimedia•
Computer Science:Programming•Cultural Heritage•Development
Studies:Development and the Law•Development
Studies:Development Management•Development Studies:Health and
Urban Development•Development Studies:Humanitarian
Action•Development Studies:Urban & Regional
Development•Cultural Heritage•Economics•Education•Fine
Arts:Arts Management•Fine Arts:Information Design•Fine
Arts:Creative Writing•Fine Arts:Theater Arts•Foreign Language &
Culture:Chinese Studies•Foreign Language & Culture:French•Foreign
Language & Culture:German•Foreign Language & Culture:Japanese
Studies•Foreign Language & Culture:Korean•Foreign Language &
Culture:Spanish•History•Literature (in English)•Literature (in
Filipino)•Management•Music Literature•Philosophy•Political
Science•Psychology•Sociology-Anthropology•Sociology

Of the 11 Major electives, six courses should be in Track 1 and five courses should be in Track 2. To the extent possible, one Major Elective should be used for a Research Methods course in one of the Tracks.

Track 1 (ME1-6) and Track 2 (ME7-11)

7 Required Major Courses (RM) 21 units

FLC 12 Foreign Language and Culture 12 (RM1)

(2nd Foreign Language Course; same language as FLC 11)

IDS 145 / 146 / 147 / 148 – choose one (RM2)

Great Books I (Ancient) / Great Books II (Middle) / Great Books III (Modern) /
Great Books IV (Philippines)

IDS Elective (RM3-7)

AB Interdisciplinary Studies majors will take five Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Electives which they are free to choose from among the IDS Electives offered by the IS Department in a particular semester.

3 Major Courses (M) 9 units

IDS 192 Intro to Interdisciplinary Approaches (taken in Third Year)

IDS 199.1 Senior Seminar I (1st Sem, Senior Year) (Prerequisite: IDS 192)

IDS 199.2 Senior Seminar II (2nd Sem, Senior Year) (Prerequisite: IDS 199.1)



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AB Interdisciplinary Studies

AB Interdisciplinary Studies was introduced in the 1970s at the Ateneo de Manila University as a response to the need for *greater dialogue* among departments and scholars, and to the more practical need of the students for *flexibility*.

Flexible



The AB IS Program is premised on the *heterogeneity of experience*, which is why IS majors take a menu of classes from *two disciplines of their choice*, under the supervision of the Academic Adviser of the IS Department.

Holistic



Our mission is to develop *well-rounded students* and *life-long learners* who have professional skills and are able to synthesize knowledge and respond to the world from a holistic perspective.

Integrative



A pair of terminal classes (Senior Seminar I and II) allows students to *integrate two disciplines* in an investigative-analytical paper, an applied research project, or a creative work. It thus combines training in the *foundations of two disciplines* and opportunities for *interdisciplinary synthesis*.

Practical



Since its institution in the 1970s, the AB IS Program has produced graduates who are active in various fields such as *business, law, education, sports, media, government, the academe, and the arts*.

Program Learning Objectives

Apart from being able to do what the revised Ateneo Core Curriculum envisions them as doing, the graduates of the AB Interdisciplinary Studies program should be able to:

1. demonstrate familiarity with key concepts, authors, developments, and works in two disciplines;
2. analyze objects (whether texts, an issue, an event, phenomenon, etc.) in Philippine reality using and integrating appropriate concepts or theories;
3. conduct research or undertake projects, either by himself or herself or with a team, using the appropriate methodologies; and
4. read texts in a foreign (i.e., not a Philippine) language apart from English.

1 FIRST YEAR

First Semester 19 (+ 2) units

ENLIT 12	Literature: Global Voices and Encounters	3
FILI 11	Malayuning Komunikasyon	3
HISTO 11	Rizal and the Emergence of the Philippine Nation	3
FLC 11	Foreign Language and Culture 11	3
THEO 11	Faith, Spirituality, and the Church	3
NatSc 10.01	Natural Science (Lecture)	3
NatSc 10.02	Natural Science (Laboratory)	1
INTACT 11	Introduction to Ateneo Culture and Traditions	0
PE 1	Physical Education 1	(2)

Second Semester 18 (+ 2) units

ENGL 11	Purposive Communication	3
FILI 12	Panitikan ng Pilipinas	3
MATH 10	Mathematics in the Modern World	3
SocSc 11	Understanding the Self	3
ArtAp 10	Art Appreciation	3
FLC 12	Foreign Language and Culture 12 (RM1) <i>Should be the same language as FLC 11</i>	3
INTACT 12	Introduction to Ateneo Culture and Traditions	0
PE 2	Physical Education 2	(2)

2 SECOND (SOPHOMORE) YEAR

First Semester 18 (+ 5) units

SocSc 12	The Contemporary World	3
THEO 12	Theology of the Catholic Social Vision	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
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IDS Elective	Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Elective 1 (RM2)	3
NSTP 11	National Service Training Program 11	(3)
PE 3	Physical Education 3	(2)

* THEO 12 and NSTP 11 should be taken in the same semester to facilitate service-learning opportunities.

Second Semester 18 (+ 2) units

HISTO 12	Readings in Philippine History	3
PHILO 11	Philosophy: The Human Condition	3
STS 10	Science, Technology, and Society	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)*	3
PE 4	Physical Education 4	(2)

* To the extent possible, one IDS Program Elective should be a Research Methods course in one of the student's Tracks.

3 THIRD (JUNIOR) YEAR

First Semester 18 (+ 3) units

PHILO 13	Ethics	3
SocSc 13	The Economy, Society, and Sustainable Development	3
IE 2	Interdisciplinary Elective 2	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
IDS 192	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Approaches (Major Course)	3
IDS Elective	Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Elective 2 (RM3)	3
NSTP 12	National Service Training Program 12	(3)

* Ideally, SocSc 13, IDS 192, and NSTP 12 should be taken in the same semester to facilitate service-learning opportunities.

Second Semester 18 units

PHILO 12	Philosophy of Religion	3
THEO 13	A Theology of Marriage, Family, and Vocation	3
IE 1	Interdisciplinary Elective 1 – English	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
IDS 145/ 146/ 147 /148	Great Books* (RM5)	3
IDS Elective	Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Elective 3 (RM4)	3

* Choose one Great Books course: IDS 145 (Ancient Period) / IDS 146 (Middle Period) / IDS 147 (Modern Period)

4 FOURTH (SENIOR) YEAR

First Semester 18 units

DLQ 10	Discerning Life Questions	3
_____	Free Elective (any three-unit course offered by any Dept/Program)	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
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IDS 199.1	Senior Seminar I* (Undergraduate Thesis; Major Course)	3
IDS Elective	Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Elective 4 (RM6)	3

* Prerequisite: IDS 192 (Introduction to Interdisciplinary Approaches)

Second Semester 15 units

SocSc 14	Politics, Governance, and Citizenship	3
IE 3	Interdisciplinary Elective 3	3
_____	Major Elective (ME)	3
IDS 199.2	Senior Seminar II** (Undergraduate Thesis; Major Course)	3
IDS Elective	Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Elective 5 (RM7)	3

** Prerequisite: IDS 199.1 (Senior Seminar I)