

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

*Champion a collaborative  
approach to knowledge*

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### Help make an ONU education possible

Complex challenges lurk in every industry and corner of the globe. Solving these challenges won't be easy. It will require teamwork and new strategies for integrating knowledge.

Ohio Northern University designed the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies to offer a path forward. The Center brings together faculty expertise from a variety of disciplines to offer academic programs centered on today's pressing issues. Currently, the Center houses major programs for data analytics and PPE (philosophy/political science/economics); and minor programs in environmental studies, gender and sexuality, leadership studies, data analytics and medical humanities.

The students enrolled in these programs explore topics using multiple lenses. As a result, they gain well-rounded knowledge and a big-picture perspective. They learn creative problem solving with the ability to approach a task from many different angles. For example, students taking environmental studies not only learn the science behind climate change, they learn how environmental policy is shaped and how religious views of the environment can shape public opinion.

By supporting the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, you help ONU respond to the needs of the times. Our interdisciplinary programs produce graduates who are ready and eager to help solve our world's challenges.



**DUSTIN RIEMAN, BS '18**  
BIOLOGY MAJOR WITH A  
MINOR IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES

"What an interdisciplinary minor does is complement the rigorous scientific coursework ONU offers. Medical Humanities gives the background to what the daily life of medical professionals consists of; the ethical choices that must be made (and made quickly); and the overall impact of medicine on not only the patient, but the medical professional's life. The minor helps students fine-tune where they want to go in medicine. I think they leave the minor with a sharper and more studied purpose of their calling. The payoff – not only for the student, but their prospective employers and the medical profession – is immeasurable."

### POINTS OF PRIDE

**100+**

STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATING

**35**

FACULTY  
COLLABORATORS

**7**

ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMS

# SUPPORT THAT HAS IMPACT

The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies produces leaders who are well-equipped to integrate knowledge and solve problems related to health care, politics, big data, climate change and more. With your support, ONU can offer relevant interdisciplinary programs to help move our communities and our world into a bright future.

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP? >>

### SUPPORT INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS

With donor support, we could strengthen our existing interdisciplinary major and minor programs, and explore the creation of new programs around vital topics. We could also establish scholarships to attract and support accomplished students, and strengthen their educational experience through research, study abroad and other high-impact learning opportunities.

### ESTABLISH PHYSICAL SPACE AND PERSONNEL

The establishment of a permanent home for the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies with office space, conference rooms and classrooms would enhance the Center's mission. In addition, donor support could enable us to establish endowed faculty positions, and provide travel funds for interdisciplinary conferences and workshops.

### DEVELOP SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

With funding, the Center could sponsor programs and activities that expose students to approaches that tackle society's toughest problems. We could bring renowned programs like the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows to campus to interact with students. These prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders and other non-academic professionals approach contemporary issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.

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