Available Titles

These are the topic titles available from which to choose:

- African-American Studies
- American Culture Studies
- Appalachian Studies
- Bio-Physics Studies
- Cognitive Science
- Community Development
- Comparative Literatures & Cultures
- Criminology
- Environmental Geoscience
- Film Studies
- Film, Television & Digital Media
- Folklore & Mythology
- International Law
- Jewish Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Religious Studies
- Rural Health Studies
- Social & Behavioral Science
- Statistical Analysis & Interpretation
- Urban & Regional Planning

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Topical Studies Major

Schedule and appointment

Serious candidates with a strong interest in the program should contact the following advisor by email to schedule an appointment.

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Bring the following to your appointment:

- A list of courses you have taken which relate to your topic.
- A list of related courses you plan to take.
- The name of at least one potential faculty advisor. Remember, an acceptable advisor must be a full-time regular faculty member, not a graduate student or a part-time instructor.
The topical major is designed for students whose interests cut across traditional departmental and college lines and who wish to design their own programs of study.

Topical Studies is the only selective admissions program within the College of Arts & Sciences. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 is required for application to the program.

Each program must have clearly-defined objectives which give focus and coherence to the courses chosen. The intent and range of these objectives vary with the individual.

Topical majors include programs specifically geared to some professional objective, preparation for the study of law or medicine; or they might encompass programs which seek to explore some topic in depth, using a variety of related university offerings like public policy. Often they are areas offering minors and not majors such as African-American Studies, Film Studies, or Middle Eastern Studies.

To complete the Topical Studies degree requirements the university must have sufficient interdisciplinary course offerings in the area to be studied. These courses should be chosen with the help of a faculty advisor.

Topical Studies majors are growing in popularity around the country and provide graduates the unique opportunity to discuss their undergraduate studies in depth with graduate schools and potential employers.