

## Why Interdisciplinary Studies at Thomas College

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You're asking me about the interdisciplinary major here at Thomas College. What I like to call it is creative guidance or guided creativity. What I'm saying about that is that a student comes in, they're not quite sure what major they're going to be interested in. They may have a couple of different majors. So, what they want to do is sit down with a professor as an adviser and kind of design a program. It's going to be a robust program. It's going to be a demanding program. But it's also going to be something that the student is tied into.

So, for example, somebody came in and said they wanted to do environmental science, but they're also interested in entrepreneurial issues. I could talk to them about, you know, maybe creating a major where they're looking at getting work or designing a career where they're going to be working in the state of Maine environmentally. It's really a sound place to work, but also making a business out of that, whether it's a guide business or it's, you know, opening up some sort of sports store or something like that.

So, when they get out of here in three or four years, they graduate, they've got a real solid degree, but they also know that they've got a good future in what they're looking at.

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