Interdisciplinary Studies
Council of Major Report

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What is CoM?

The Interdisciplinary Studies Council of Majors is about building community. Professor Steven McAlpine described CoM, a student-driven extracurricular, as a “space for conversations”. A student-driven extracurricular, CoM is a “space for conversations”, as described by Professor Steven McAlpine. The purpose of this organization is to:

• Provide peer advertisement for INDS majors
• Enhance the visibility of the INDS program on and off campus
• Aid students in preparing INDS degree proposals
• Provide a forum for open discussion between INDS majors
• Establish a network for student discussion of curriculum across campus
• Establish a student and alumni network for job and career development

The Council of Majors is a part of the Interdisciplinary Studies program mission, seeking to participate in service, social, and educational programs for the university community and beyond.

Past Events

Last year, we had a ‘Neuroscience Brunch’ that afforded the opportunity to ask an INDS alumna to about degree plans, capstones, and internships.

Petrovich Lecture is a guest lecture hosted by INDS every year. This year, we had the pleasure of having Kay Chernush from ArtWorks for Freedom. Her organization’s mission is to use the power of art in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking.

Fall 2015 Events

Next year, we hope to have more experiential events. As always, we welcome your suggestions. In coordination with the INDS Living Learning Community, CoM seeks to lead these events this upcoming semester Fall 2015 CoM Events. (see page 16)

Interdisciplinary Art

Art can serve as an interdisciplinary method of communication in the education system. This piece, which was submitted in place of an INDS 330 writing assignment, presents the struggle within a child’s mind during the early stages of development while immersed within the American mainstream education system. The right side represents the free, abstract, and ever-curious “mind’s eye” of a young child. Panning to the left, the eye transforms into what represents the “normal” and conforming mind, with hints of struggle.

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INDS Class of 2016
Medium: Ballpoint pen on paper

INDS Living Learning Community

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What is INDS LLC?

The interdisciplinary Studies (INDS) Living-Learning Community (LLC) offers students the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary undergraduate degrees. This allows them to both strengthen and enrich their undergraduate experience, by connecting with each other and engaging in projects and community building activities.

What to expect from the LLC?

• A strong sense of community and connection to the INDS program and UMBC.
• Engagement in research, academic, service, and pre-professional opportunities.
• Advising and support from INDS faculty.
• Development of interest/course teams
• Course connections: Various—at the discretion of students and INDS program.

(see page 16 for Fall 2015 LLC events)