



Policy on Academic Interdisciplinary Concentrations

Academic concentrations are available to students as an option in the Landmark College curriculum. All proposed concentrations receive approval through the same processes used to review and approve course proposals.

Description of Academic Interdisciplinary Concentrations

An interdisciplinary concentration should constitute the successful completion of five full-credit courses (C- or better) defined by academic departments and the Academic Dean. Each concentration will consist of five courses at least three of which must be at the 2000 level. The sequence of courses within each concentration will reflect a logical approach to the curriculum and current practices in higher education. The sequence or spread of courses in a concentration may vary based on criteria to be determined by departments in consultation with the Academic Dean.

A five-course concentration will not preclude students from having the opportunity to develop reading, writing, and critical thinking skills through course work at the 1000- and 2000-levels in English, Social Sciences, Natural Science, and Humanities. A concentration of five courses allows students to take additional elective options in their first two years.

A concentration will have one to three required courses that run every semester. Each concentration will incorporate multiple, elective options that follow a predictable yearly sequence. Sufficient electives should be available to allow for a menu of choices (at least two elective options per semester). All of these courses have track records of consistent enrollment, which should continue. A concentration should not require departments to run courses that do not enroll consistently, but depending on program need, departments may reserve the right to substitute courses as needed.

The concentration option is voluntary for students interested in pursuing study in a discipline. Declaration of a concentration will not be a requirement to earn a degree from Landmark College. It is likely that many students will not choose to concentrate, and popular courses that do not become part of concentrations will continue to be popular.

A completed concentration will be noted on a student's transcript at the time a student completes his or her requirements for an associate's degree. Completing a concentration does not provide insurance in terms of transferability of credits to other institutions. However, a concentration is a way for colleges to recognize that a student has completed a course of study which may serve as a gateway to further study at a four-year college, and may serve as one demonstration of a student's intellectual persistence and dedication.

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The Declaration of Concentration form is available at the following link:
<http://intranet.landmark.edu/academics/registrar/>