



gain a competitive edge

new opportunities • fall 2022



The Williams School

Independent • College Prep • Day School • Grades 6 - 12
on the campus of Connecticut College

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Please note that this preview will be updated and re-published as we continue to enhance the details of this program for its launch this fall 2022.

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STUDENTS WILL GAIN

New Perspectives & Connections
Research & Professional Exploration
Real World Skills and Corresponding Applications
The Opportunity to Turn Knowledge Into Action

STUDENTS WILL ACHIEVE

Williams Diploma

PLUS

Williams Interdisciplinary Certificate

in one of four areas...

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engineering

**environmental
sustainability**

**global
perspectives**

**humanities
&the arts**

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STUDENTS WILL SUCCEED

by excelling in each of Williams'

CORE VALUES

scholarship · character · community

SCHOLARSHIP

Maintain Appropriate Academic Standing

Must earn a grade of B- or higher in all courses within the certificate program

Complete Minimum Course Requirements

*Complete five courses within the certificate program
in addition to prerequisites and graduation requirements*

Showcase Work Throughout the Program

Creation of a Digital Portfolio

Research and Professional Exploration

Regularly and passionately explore intellectual ideas on and off campus

*Advance and share knowledge and understanding of the greater world –
within and beyond the Williams community*

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CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

Uphold Williams' Community Standards by supporting the School's Philosophy, Mission, and Policies

Serving as exemplary members of the community

Communicate openly and constructively and engage in a high level of civil discourse

Fully participate in at least one Williams Club or Activity related to the Certificate –

Must serve as a Peer Tutor, Ambassador, and/or Mentor

Build and connect with a network of resources

Students will learn how to connect with and grow from a network of Williams Alumni and others in their field of interest.

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TIMELINE

Application process begins Spring of Freshman Year.

The first students to join this program will be members of the Class of 2025.

SPECIAL NOTE: *Members of the Class of 2024 (rising juniors) can apply to the program if they meet the prerequisites and can complete their certificate courses in two years.*

CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS

Candidates for this program must:

Be enrolled at Williams for the upcoming school year

Achieve and maintain Honor Roll status during 9th grade

Uphold Scholarship, Character, and Community standards based on Williams' Philosophy, Mission, and Policies – serving as an exemplary member of the school community

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Williams School will select qualified sophomores each year to enter the Interdisciplinary Certificate Program.

Application details for the 2022-2023 Interdisciplinary Certificate Program are forthcoming.

Q & A

Can students participate in both the Interdisciplinary Certificate Program *and* the College Acceleration Program?

Yes, students may apply to both programs and providing they are accepted may participate in both programs. Students are advised on their course selection with their faculty advisor and can find additional support from the College Counseling Office and the Assistant Head of School for Teaching & Learning to best inform their decision.

In which focused areas can students earn certificates in this program?

Currently, there are four certificates that students can earn: engineering, environmental sustainability, global perspectives, and humanities and the arts. While each subject area provides a focus for the student's learning, these courses alongside a rigorous college prep curriculum offer a robust learning experience.

Q & A

How does this program differ from other curricula?

This program offers an opportunity for students to take more elective courses in their chosen area of focus, with new courses being introduced for the 2022-2023 academic year in the coming months. It also includes a research and professional experience, the development of an individual digital portfolio, and the opportunity to be guided to connect with Williams Alumni and others in their field of interest.

Is this program available to all students in grades 10-12?

This program is available to those students in grades 10-12 who apply and are admitted to participate before the start of their sophomore year.

Q & A

What value do interdisciplinary certificates provide for students?

Interdisciplinary Certificates provide students more opportunities to take elective courses in their chosen area of focus as well as provide opportunities for engagement in the School and local communities at a leadership level. Not only does this program offer students a competitive edge on their college applications and resume but it allows students a deeper insight to prospective majors and areas of study that may be a useful guide throughout the college application process.

What courses are offered as part of this program?

Alongside the traditional academic coursework for each program, three trimester courses each year will be offered that enhance and enrich the students learning through a thematic approach. Full course descriptions will be provided in the coming months.

Is there an additional cost to participate in the Interdisciplinary Certificate program?

No, this program is included in the Williams tuition outlined in each student's annual enrollment contract.

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Questions?

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