The IDOC oversees the Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Its duties include developing guidelines for the program, reviewing candidates for admission to the program, and evaluating the progress of students in the program.

Each year, the chair of the IDOC receives 40 to 45 inquiries about the Interdisciplinary Doctorate program, and interviews either by phone or in person, 10 to 15 individuals interested in applying to the program. Due to the facts that 1) student’s proposals must be truly interdisciplinary, 2) students must have strong faculty support for their proposals and 3) students must have a very strong academic background, only a few students are ultimately apply to the program. This academic year, there was one applicant to the program. After a through examination of her qualifications by the IDOC, the student was not admitted to the program.

Two students in the Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program completed their theses this academic year and will receive their Ph.D. degrees in May 2010.

During the summer of 2009, the IDOC reviewed the progress of students in the program toward their degrees. On the basis of this review, it was determined that three students were in good standing. One student was deemed to be making unsatisfactory progress. Letters informing the students of their progress were sent to the students and their academic advisors in July 2009.

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