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 ultimately apply and are admitted to the program. This academic year, there were two applicants to the program. After thorough examinations of their qualifications by the IDOC, one student was admitted to the Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program, and one individual was not admitted.

At present, there are two continuing students in the Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program. During the summer of 2010, the IDOC will review the progress of these students toward their degrees. Letters informing the students of their progress will be sent to the students and their academic advisors in June 2011.

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