

CONCEPT NOTE ON INTER-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Inter-disciplinary study allows both teachers and the students to learn by making connections between ideas and concepts across different disciplinary boundaries. Teachers and students learning in this way are able to apply the knowledge gained in one discipline to understand another discipline as a way to deepen the learning experience.

Inter-disciplinary teaching and learning is maximized when professionals from different disciplines work together to study the methods and tools of analysis to serve a common purpose and to help students understand that no discipline evolves in a vacuum. Such interaction is in support of the Constructivist paradigm which allows for new knowledge construction and a deeper understanding of ideas.

Inter-disciplinary studies become necessary as a means of solving problems and answering questions that cannot be satisfactorily addressed using methods and approaches from one discipline alone. Inter-disciplinary programmes emphasize integrative learning, critical thinking and creative problem solving.

We desire to have our lives count for something, to do something meaningful, to make a contribution to society. Thus we come to the University to learn how to make a difference in the world.

For over two decades major scientific organizations, funding agencies and prominent educators have advocated the need for inter-disciplinary studies. The current interest in inter-disciplinary approaches is widespread and increasing in intensity, motivated by the belief that it is now basic to education and research. To meet this perceived need, educators have developed a wide range of inter-disciplinary courses and “studies” programmes. Inter-Disciplinarity, it is fair to say, is becoming an integral part of higher education.

An Inter-disciplinary degree is ideal for students who want a well-rounded education and also desire to focus on more than one field of study. Students have many career options in diverse fields with an Inter-Disciplinary Degree.

Keeping in view the importance of inter-disciplinary studies in enriching the knowledge base among the teachers and students of the university it has become necessary to focus on Inter-Disciplinary studies at TNNLU, therefore a committee consisting of two faculty members have been created to cater to the needs for promoting knowledge in inter-disciplinary studies among the teachers of the university as well as the students. Scholars of eminence in inter-disciplinary studies will be invited for to share their knowledge in the said field among the teachers and the students of TNNLU. In consonance with this idea in our Academic Schedule itself a slot has been fixed for Interdisciplinary Discussion once in a month. Hopefully this will result in interdisciplinary approach to the study of law

and other disciplines at TNNLU and also encourage interdisciplinary research projects.