Updated Course Descriptions.
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Cal Poly Continuing Education

IS—INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

IS 101  Orientation to Interdisciplinary Studies and the University (3)
Introduction to collaborative interdisciplinary inquiry. Topics include:
Scholarly knowledge production and bibliographic finding tools,
University role in knowledge dissemination and creation, and information
search and evaluation processes. “Learn-by-doing” disciplinary
investigation and interdisciplinary analysis and synthesis. 3 lectures.

IS 301  Critical Issues Seminar (4)
Discussion-oriented seminar focusing on ethics and effective
interdisciplinary decision-making in the contemporary world. Examination
of ethical and other issues facing society through current public debates, as
well as great intellectual traditions that have shaped the past. The Schedule
of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 4
seminars. Prerequisite: Admission to the Adult Degree Program (Bachelor
of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies) prior to enrolling in this seminar.
Change effective Fall 2007.

IS 302  Analytical Skills Seminar (4)
Improvement of abilities to collect data, analyze information, frame
questions, reach and defend logical conclusions. Emphasis on applying
methods of data analysis to a variety of contemporary interdisciplinary
issues. 4 seminars. Prerequisite: Admission to the Adult Degree Program
(Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies) prior to enrolling in this
class, IS 101 and IS 301 or consent of instructor. Change effective Spring
2009.

IS 352  Organizational Leadership (4)
An interdisciplinary study of the definitions, theories, skills, and styles of
organizational leadership in contemporary society. Strategies for managing
human capital and an understanding of the relationship between attributes
of good leadership and organizational change. Emphasis on developing an
understanding of leadership in diverse organizations. 4 lectures. Prerequi-
site: Completion of GE Area A, or junior standing or consent of instructor.
New course, effective Spring 2009.

IS 450  Advanced Investigation Seminar (5)
In-depth interdisciplinary investigation into a narrowly defined issue of
personal and/or professional interest. Identification of topic and
examination from a variety of standpoints (e.g., cultural, environmental,
religious, political, or economic). 5 seminars. Prerequisite: Admission to
Adult Degree Program (bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies), IS
301 and IS 302 with a minimum grade of C-. Change effective Spring
2009.

IS 453  Special Topics in Organizational Leadership (4)
Directed interdisciplinary analysis of selected contemporary issues or
topics in organizational leadership. Topics may be examined from local,
national or international perspectives. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4
seminars. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A, or junior standing, or
consent of instructor. New course, effective Spring 2009.

IS 460  Capstone Project (6)
Selection and completion of a summative project or report under the
supervision of a faculty member. Topic must be approved by the seminar
instructor and the ADP director. Investigation of the topic from an inter-
disciplinary approach. Prerequisite: Senior standing, IS 301, IS 302, IS 450.