Interdisciplinary Studies

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Affiliated Faculty

The following faculty participate in the Adult Degree Program and hold academic rank in departments outside Continuing Education and University Outreach.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

BA Interdisciplinary Studies

The Adult Degree Program (ADP) offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. The program offers an intellectually stimulating curriculum in a format structured for working adults who are balancing careers, family responsibilities, and civic obligations. The intended audience is individuals who have completed high school at least six years prior to entering the program, have the motivation and intellectual skills to succeed in a part-time college degree program, and whose personal educational goals will be achieved through an interdisciplinary studies program. The program utilizes a cohort model and classes are offered weekday evenings.

The BA in Interdisciplinary Studies is offered by Continuing Education and University Outreach as a Special Session degree program. As such, the program carries a separate fee schedule. Please view the Adult Degree Program website for current fee information at www.adultdegreeprogram.calpoly.edu.

The BA Interdisciplinary Studies curriculum consists of three major parts: interdisciplinary studies courses; major courses from other academic departments; and 12 units of upper-division General Education courses. Students must complete a total of at least 180 units, of which a minimum of 60 upper-division units must be taken through the Adult Degree Program at Cal Poly.

Admissions

Students seeking admission to the program must:

1) have completed at least 90 quarter units (60 semester hours), be CSU eligible, and be CSU General Education or IGETC Certified;
2) write a personal, lifelong learning goals statement, not exceeding four pages, documenting how the program will help them achieve their personal, professional, and long-term educational goals; and
3) provide at least three letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to their ability to be successful in a part-time, structured, undergraduate degree program.

Admissions are on a rolling admissions basis. Deadlines for the submission of application materials are posted on the Adult Degree Program web site at www.adultdegreeprogram.calpoly.edu.

University Requirements

Students must meet the general graduation requirements as described on page 53 of the catalog, including the Graduation Writing Requirement, U. S. Cultural Pluralism requirement, 2.0 GPA and academic residence requirements.

BA INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

☐ 60 units upper division ☐ GWR
☐ 2.0 GPA ☐ USCP

Major Courses

- IS 101 Orientation to IS and the University ............ 3
- IS 301 Critical Issues Seminar................................. 4,4
- IS 302 Analytical Skills Seminar............................. 4
- IS 450 Adv. Investigation Seminar.......................... 5
- IS 460 Capstone Project .......................................... 6
- Select one course from the following eight areas:... 32
  - Applied technology (4)
  - Business (4)
  - Communications/English (4)
  - Ethnic studies/US Cultural Pluralism (4)
  - Fine and performing arts (4)
  - Philosophy/religion (4)
  - Science or nutrition (4)
  - Social science (4)
- Five additional courses selected by the Faculty Program Committee............................................. 20

Total Units: 78

Upper-Division General Education Courses

See page 56 for complete GE course listing.

- Arts and humanities (C4) ........................................ 4
- Society/Individual (D5) .......................................... 4
- Technology (Area F) .............................................. 4

Total Units: 12

Transferred Units.................................................. 90

Total Units: 180