Continuing Education and University Outreach

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Interdisciplinary Studies
Management
Paralegal Studies
Wine Industry

The following degrees and certificates are offered in cooperation with other academic units:

Doctor of Education
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Agriculture
Gerontology Certificate
Technical Communication Certificate

Continuing Education and University Outreach (CE&UO) advances the academic and public service mission of Cal Poly beyond the traditional undergraduate and graduate college experience. Its goal is to increase access to the intellectual resources of the University by developing and offering a wide range of innovative lifelong learning opportunities to the citizens of California and the nation. Educational programs are offered in a variety of learning formats including classroom instruction, distance learning, and client centered services both on- and off-campus.

Information on programs and current offerings is listed in Outreach which is published three times a year and at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

Distance Learning. Challenges of time and distance often make it impractical for individuals to travel to campus for classroom-based education opportunities. To address this problem, CE&UO offers many programs in a distance learning format. These programs cover a wide range of subjects including applied technology, graphic communications, business, medical office training and math preparation. They are offered in varied formats from CDs to internet-based instruction. A complete listing of programs and courses is available at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu/distance_learning.html.

Open University. This option enables adequately prepared members of the community to enroll in regular Cal Poly courses on a space available basis. Open University is a non-degree registration option. Limits as to the number of credits earned through Open University may apply when seeking admission to a degree program. Enrollment forms and guidelines for registering may be obtained from CE&UO two weeks prior to the beginning of each quarter.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Established through a gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation, the Institute offers to people 50 years of age or older the opportunity for continued learning. Programs range from two three-hour discussions to multi-day travel programs. Topics and programs change each term and are led by OLLI members, Cal Poly faculty, and experts in their respective area. Information on current programs and how to join is available at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu/osher.html.

Programs for Professionals. For those desiring upgrade skills or knowledge, CE&UO offers a wide range of educational opportunities ranging from complete certificate programs to one-day seminars. Certificate programs are offered in Microsoft certifications, paralegal studies, supervision, technical communications and wine industry. New certificates are being planned; updated information is available on CE&UO’s web site.

Corporate and Organizational Training. CE&UO will customize training to meet the specific needs of a business, corporation, or organization. This process starts with a needs assessment and continues through design, implementation and evaluation. Past clients include PG&E, the State of California, and the Forest Service.
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.

Doris V. Derelian Dennis R. Parks
Susan R. Duffy Thomas R. Trice
James R. Keese Daniel Villegas
Jose Montelongo

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

78

Upper-Division General Education Courses

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

12

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

180