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**BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

1. Overview

Under the leadership of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies housed in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, students will be able to earn a B.A. or B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS). The designed major incorporates at least two academic disciplines from existing programs of study (e.g., majors or minors) offered at Fresno State into a unified theme. The BA/BS Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS degree) provides an opportunity for students to engage in an individualized course of study leading to a bachelor’s degree when one's academic and professional goals are not accommodated by existing majors. The IS degree will consist of correlated studies in two or more fields and should provide integrated instruction comparable in quality and depth to regular major programs. It is not intended as a means of bypassing normal graduation requirements.

1. Provisions
2. Approval. The student must have the major approved by the Coordinator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies housed in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies prior to graduation. The minimum requirement for the IS degree is an approved program of 45 units of which at least 30 units must be upper division. Units applied to satisfy General Education requirements may be included in the IS degree as long as, pursuant to Title 5, Section 40401, the total degree is no fewer than 120 units. Also, a maximum of six independent study units may be included in the IS degree. Any exception to the above criteria must be approved by the Coordinator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies..
3. Student Initiated Request. A student requesting a Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies must obtain application forms from the University Advising Center. where the student must:
4. Prepare a statement giving reasons for desiring an IS degree in terms of academic and professional goals and why these goals cannot be met through a standard major;
5. Develop a specific list of courses in consultation with an IS degree advisor which would lead to the academic and professional goals stated above; and,
6. Secure the signed approval from the University Advising Center, ,the IS degree advisor(s) in the fields from which the IS degree courses are drawn, and Coordinator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. The student must submit the forms to the Center of Interdisciplinary Studies which will be routed to the Dean of Undergraduate studies for final review.
7. Degree Eligibility
   1. To be eligible for the Bachelor of Arts degree, the candidate shall have completed the following requirements:
      1. General Education-Breadth Requirements. The courses in General Education Breadth Requirements shall be distributed in the manner prescribed in Title 5, Sections 40405-40405.4.
      2. Major 24 semester units. There shall be one major with a minimum of 24 semester units. At least 12 semester units in the major shall be upper division courses or their equivalent. The maximum number of units shall be determined by the campus.
      3. Additional Units. Units to complete the total required for the degree may be used as electives or to meet other requirements.
      4. Total. For candidates electing, pursuant to Title 5, Section 40401, to meet graduation requirements established prior to the 2000-01 academic year, the total semester units required for the Bachelor of Arts Degree shall be 124 semester units. For candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree who are meeting graduation requirements established between the 2000-01 and through the 2013-14 academic years, a minimum of 120 semester units shall be required. For candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree who are meeting graduation requirements established during or after the 2013-14 academic year, no fewer and no more than 120 semester units shall be required unless the Chancellor grants an exception.
   2. To be eligible for the Bachelor of Science degree, the candidate shall have completed the following requirements:
      1. General Education-Breadth Requirements. The courses in General Education-Breadth Requirements shall be distributed in the manner prescribed in Title 5, Sections 40405-40405.4.
      2. There shall be one major with a minimum of 36 semester units. At least 18 semester units in this major shall be upper division courses or their equivalent. The maximum number of units shall be determined by the campus.
      3. Total. For candidates electing, pursuant to Title 5, Section 40401, to meet graduation requirements established prior to the 2000-01 academic year, the total semester units required for the Bachelor of Science degree shall be 124 to 132 semester units, as determined by each campus, except that 140 semester units may be required in engineering. For candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree who are meeting graduation requirements established between the 2000-01 and 2013-14 academic years, a minimum of 120 semester units shall be required. For candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree who are meeting graduation requirements established during or after the 2013-14 academic year, no fewer and no more than 120 semester units shall be required, unless the Chancellor grants an exception.
8. Limitations
   1. Disciplines or programs not housed in an existing Fresno State program of study will not be allowed.
   2. Students will not be allowed to create an IS degree as a second major or second bachelor’s degree.
   3. Students will be required to take a final Capstone course in IS.
   4. With the approval of the faculty advisors or the IS Coordinator, the Capstone course may be substituted with another course in which the IS Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) can be assessed (See Section V.).
   5. The student’s diploma and transcript will read either B.A. or B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies.
9. Assessment and Program Review

The IS degree is subject to all requirements within APM 220 for annual assessment of SLO’s and modified program review. The Coordinator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies will serve as the *Program Chair* for self-study and all required annual assessment and program review tasks as outlined in APM 220.

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