

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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College of Arts and Humanities
Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts
Degree Roadmaps

American Studies Concentration
 Comparative Cultures Concentration
 Environmental Studies Concentration

Minors
 Environmental Studies
 Global Studies

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Program Description

Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) is a broad-based, liberal arts and sciences major that focuses on developing exemplary skills in written and oral communication, textual analysis, critical thinking, research methods, and the ability to bring a wide range of resources to bear in approaching complex problems. Because it combines knowledge systems across the meta-disciplines of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences, an IDS major is great preparation for both the workplace and for entry into graduate or professional schools. IDS is part of a national network of Programs for Accelerated College Education (PACE) that are designed for working, adult students who want to earn a bachelor's degree in a reasonable period of time while they maintain a full-time job. While all admitted students are welcome, IDS/PACE students are primarily transfers who enter CSUDH with 60 units and junior-class standing.

Features

IDS/PACE offers major concentrations in four areas of study: American Studies, Comparative Cultures, Environmental Studies, and Global Studies. As a PACE program, IDS courses are scheduled at times that function well for working people, including week nights and weekends, as well as in hybrid and online formats. For students whose schedules require that they attend classes only on the weekends, IDS offers a full Weekend College format.

Academic Advising

Interdisciplinary Studies provides each student with a faculty advisor, a person who will assist the student in choosing classes, in defining a direction for the program of studies, and in coping with problems associated with both traditional and nontraditional areas of university life. The faculty advisor will expect to meet with each of his or her students at least once each semester to discuss progress-to-date and to plan the next semester's course of study. Students are encouraged to see

their mentors more often during the school year as problems, concerns and new ideas arise.

Preparation

While an associate of arts degree before entering IDS/PACE is not necessary, we advise you to complete most of your lower division General Education requirements before transferring. Applicants will qualify for admission to IDS/PACE if they have completed 60 transferable semester units, have a grade point average of "C" (2.0) or better and have completed the General Education Basic Skills courses (The "Golden Four": Speech, Composition, Critical Thinking, and a transferable math) with grades of "C-" or better. The maximum number of transferable units from a community college is 70 semester units. Always check the University Catalog for current transfer requirements.

IDS/PACE is open to all students who are admitted to the University. Working students who find that the regular programs of the campus do not meet their specific needs should contact the IDS/PACE Office for an appointment with a faculty advisor.

Career Possibilities and Graduate School

With its focus on critical thinking and writing and comprehensive course offerings, IDS/PACE graduates have the skills and knowledge to promote in workplace and successfully pursue graduate school. Our graduates have gone on to attend graduate school in Social Work, Public Health, English, Psychology, Public Administration, Business, Museum Studies, and Law.

Graduation With Honors

An undergraduate student may be a candidate for graduation with Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies provided he or she meets the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 36 units in residence at CSU Dominguez Hills;
2. A minimum grade point average of at least 3.5 in all courses used to satisfy the upper division requirements in the major;
3. Recommendation by the faculty in the department or program in which the honors are to be awarded.

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

Minor Requirements

Single field major, no minor required.

Major Requirements (45 units)

Each Area of Concentration consists of a minimum of 45 semester units that are grouped in a unique structure.

Common to each of the Areas of Concentration is the following:

- Every IDS major is required to take IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3) during the student's first academic year in the major; each major is required to take a Senior Seminar, IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3), in their final academic year in the major;
- There must be a minimum of 39 semester units of upper division course work, including the introductory course (IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3)) and Senior Seminar (IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3));
- A minimum of 21 semester units of courses used to fulfill the Area of Concentration must be appropriate Interdisciplinary Studies courses;
- A minimum of 24 units of course work must be completed after the student has entered the Interdisciplinary Studies program and has agreed on the Area of Concentration with his/her Interdisciplinary Studies mentor;
- A minimum of nine semester units selected from each of three main areas of humanities, social sciences and natural sciences;
- A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses used to complete an Interdisciplinary Studies Area of Concentration; The completed program is then reviewed by the core faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies who must approve the program before it is submitted to meet graduation requirements.

Area of Concentration in American Studies (45 units)

In addition to IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3) and IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3), 27 semester units are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor. These courses form a closely related cluster or sequence of courses that cross the lines of several disciplines and provide a focused, interdisciplinary study of the United States from a variety of perspectives from multiple time periods.

Twelve additional semester units of courses that may relate less directly to the Area of Concentration are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor.

Area of Concentration in Comparative Cultures (45 units)

In addition to IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3) and IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3), 27 semester units are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor. These courses form a closely related cluster or sequence of courses that cross the lines of several disciplines and provide a focused, interdisciplinary study that compares and contrasts cultures across various borders - such as those of time, social institutions, and geography.

Twelve additional semester units of courses that may relate less directly to the Area of Concentration are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor.

Area of Concentration in Environmental Studies (45 units)

In addition to IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3) and IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3), at least 21 semester units are chosen principally from the natural sciences, providing a focused Area of Concentration in Environmental Studies.

Eighteen additional semester units of courses that may relate less directly to the Area of Concentration are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor.

Area of Concentration in Global Studies (45 units)

In addition to IDS 300 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (3) and IDS 490 Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Seminar (3), 27 semester units are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor. These courses form a closely related cluster or sequence of courses that cross the lines of several disciplines and provide a focused, interdisciplinary study of the complex relationships that underpin today's global economy.

Twelve additional semester units of courses that may relate less directly to the Area of Concentration are chosen by the student with the assistance of a faculty mentor.

Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies (15 units)

Interdisciplinary Studies offers four minors, plus a Thematic Project, which may serve in lieu of a required minor. All minors require a minimum of 15 semester units, at least six units of which must be from Interdisciplinary Studies Courses, and at least 12 units of which must be upper division. Upon completion of an Interdisciplinary Studies Minor, students must develop a short essay that explains the thematic rationale used to develop the minor. Each student's minor is reviewed and approved by Interdisciplinary Studies core faculty prior to submission to meet graduation requirements.

At least three of the courses (9 units) used by the student to complete the minor must be taken after the student has chosen the minor and has been advised by an Interdisciplinary Studies mentor.

A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses used in Interdisciplinary Studies minors.

Minor in Environmental Studies (15 units)

The Minor in Environmental Studies consists of a minimum of 15 semester units of courses which must form an integrated theme in Environmental Studies.

Minor in Global Studies (18 units)

A Global Studies Minor requires 18 units, of which a minimum of 12 units must be upper division coursework; at least 6 units of the minor must have the IDS prefix. Courses that fulfill General Education requirements may be double-counted for the minor. In addition to the single required courses, IDS 304 Issues in Global Studies (3), students who minor in Global Studies must take two courses (6 units) that focus on a single geographic region, one course (3 units) in Global Arts and Cultures, and two courses (6 units) in the study of a single global issue. All courses included as elective options are 3 units each.

Requirements

Geographical Area (6 units in one area)

Students must select two courses that focus on a single geographic region.

1. The Americas

CHS 100 Chicana/o Cultural Roots (3)
 AFS 311 Afro Latinidad & the Caribbean (3)
 ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)
 ANT 334 Mesoamerica Past and Present (3)
 ANT 342 South America (3)
 CHS 345 Latina/o Identities in the Americas (3)
 HIS 366 Colonial Latin America (3)
 HIS 367 Modern Latin America (3)
 IDS 318 Interdisciplinary Approach to Cultural Pluralism (3)
 IDS 321 Global Los Angeles (3)
 POL 343 Political Behavior in Latin America (3)
 POL 344 Latin America: The Revolutionary Tradition (3)

2. Asia

APP 101 Introduction To Asian Studies (3)
 ANT 338 Mainland Southeast Asia (3)
 APP 327 Values and Communication of Asian Pacific Cultures (3)
 HIS 363 Modern China (3)
 PHI 384 Philosophies of India, China and Japan (3)

3. Europe

HIS 311 Medieval Europe (3)
 HIS 312 Renaissance and Reformation (3)
 HIS 313 The Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment (3)
 HIS 314 Emergence Modern Europe (3)
 HIS 315 20th Century Europe (3)
 HIS 318 History of Medieval Russia (3)
 HIS 319 History of Imperial Russia, 1689-1917 (3)
 HIS 320 History of the USSR and Post-Soviet Russia (3)
 POL 350 History of Political Ideas (3)

4. Middle East and North Africa

HIS 370 History of Early Monotheism (3)
 POL 342 Government and Politics of the Middle East (3)

5. Sub-Saharan Africa

AFS 201 African World Civilizations (3)
 HIS 360 African History to the 1880's (3)
 HIS 361 African History from the Colonial Era to the Present (3)
 PHI 371 African World Religions (3)

Up to 6 units in the Geographical Area may be fulfilled by Study Abroad. Please consult only with the Global Studies minor advisor for evaluation.

Required Course (3 units)

IDS 304 Issues in Global Studies (3)

The Arts and Cultures (3 units)

SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)
 AFS 331 Key Movements: African Literature and Culture (3)
 AFS 334 African Culture and Art (3)
 ANT 337 Ethnography and Film (3)
 APP 315 Asian Pop Culture and Globalization (3)
 APP 325 Asian Pacific Art, Music and Literature (3)
 ART 337 Asian Art (3)
 ART 363 Latin American Art (3)
 DAN 355 Forces and Figures in Dance (3)
 ENG 335 Readings in World Literature (3)

ENG 347 Literature of Ethnicity and Gender (3)
 IDS 322 Transnational Stories (3)
 MUS 345 Global Popular Music: Identity and Social Change (3)

+ Other intermediate-level modern language courses (e.g., French, Japanese, Arabic) may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Issues (6 units in chosen Global Issue)

Student must select two courses in the study of a single global issue.

1. The Global Environment

GEO 200 Physical Geography (3)
 EAR 370 The World Ocean (3)
 GEO 350 World Geography (3)
 IDS 310 Global Climate Change (3)
 NCR 387 Environment and Peacebuilding (3)
 PHI 379 Contemporary Moral Issues (3)

2. Global Conflict and Cooperation

POL 100 General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (3)
 SOC 102 Understanding Social Relationships in a Global Perspective (3)
 ANT 315 Magic & Religion (3)
 ANT 336 Comparative Cultures: Culture, Environment and Globalization (3)
 IDS 332 Global Conflict and Cooperation (3)
 GEO 350 World Geography (3)
 HIS 352 Topics in United States Foreign Relations History (3)
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 NCR 390 Con Resolution & Peacebuilding (3)
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 PHI 383 Comparative Religions (3)
 POL 331 International Terrorism (3)

3. Global Political Economy and Development

ANT 336 Comparative Cultures: Culture, Environment and Globalization (3)
 HIS 310 The Ancient World (3)
 PHI 331 Social & Political Philosophy (3)
 POL 100 General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (3)
 POL 335 International Politics (3)
 POL 336 Theories of International Relations (3)
 POL 340 Political Change in First and Third World Countries (3)
 SOC 311 Global Organizations and Social Processes (3)

4. Gender in a Global Context

WMS 250 Foundations in Women's Studies (3)
 ENG 347 Literature of Ethnicity and Gender (3)
 HIS 380 Women In History (3)
 IDS 325 Global Gender and Sexuality (3)
 POL 325 Women And Politics (3)
 PSY 376 Psychology Of Gender (3)
 SOC 334 Women In Society (3)

*Lower division coursework (100-200 level) is limited to no more than 6 units of the 18 required for the minor. Some lower division courses for the minor also fulfill General Education requirements