INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR, B.A. – 2020-2021

To apply for entrance into the Interdisciplinary Studies major, students propose a program of study in three separate departments and obtain the approval of the chairs of these departments. The proposal includes a written statement that explains the academic rationale for the major, defines the learning outcomes of the major in terms of what knowledge and skills the students will acquire, identifies the courses in which the student will enroll as part of the major, and maps these courses to the learning outcomes. The proposal is reviewed by a dean in the college office and submitted to the executive committee of the College of Letters and Science, which has sole authority for approving admission into the major.

Not all departments participate in the Interdisciplinary Studies major, and some departments restrict the courses which may be applied to this major. Details are available at the college office, 1117 Cheadle Hall.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

A minimum number of lower-division courses as specified by each of the three selected departments must be completed. A list of the requirements for each department may be obtained at the college office, 1117 Cheadle Hall.

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

56 UD units required, selected from 3 departments* in the College of Letters and Science, with at least 16 units in each department................................................................. 56

1st L&S Department
Courses taken:

2nd L&S Department
Courses taken:

3rd L&S Department
Courses taken:

A 4-UNIT SENIOR PROJECT is required from one of the selected departments and is included in the 56 UD units required.

Course taken:

Please note: Interdisciplinary Studies Majors are not allowed to pursue double majors.

NOTE THESE LIMITATIONS:

1) *For this purpose, different foreign languages will be considered different departments.
2) The following courses will not apply to the upper division major: Mathematics 100A-B.
3) Normally, no more than 8 units of courses numbered 191 or above, in all departments combined, will apply to the major, with no more than 4 units coming from any one department.
4) No more than 12 units of performance or technique courses (e.g. Dance 149, Theater 149 and Music Activities or equivalent transfer courses), in all departments combined, nor more than 4 units from a single department, will apply to the major. Please see department listings.
5) Substitutions of related courses from other departments into one or more of the areas of concentration in Interdisciplinary Studies will not be approved.
6) No formal declaration of concentrations will be recorded on the student's transcript.
7) This major does not exempt prospective teaching credential candidates from the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET).

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES..............................................Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.
P/NP GRADING OPTION................................Not allowed for any major course (Prep or UD major).
SUBSTITUTIONS................................................In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS.............................At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.
G.P.A. REQUIREMENTS.................................At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major.
DOUBLE MAJORS.........................................With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.