INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
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DEGREES
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree program provides curricular alternatives to the traditional degree programs offered at Coastal Carolina University by allowing students to design programs of study which reflect individual needs and previous educational experience. The program serves the student who has specific and clearly defined academic and career goals.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program serves four distinct student populations:
1. regular students with educational objectives not met by a single degree program;
2. returning students having educational objectives determined by ongoing or intended employment opportunities;
3. returning or transfer students with previously earned college credits; and
4. individuals seeking a broad liberal arts degree.

Application procedures and guidelines for the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program may be obtained from the Director or Assistant Director of Interdisciplinary Studies. The completion of 30 semester credits is recommended before filing an application to the program. All applications for admission will be reviewed by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Consideration is given to previous course work and suitability of the proposed curriculum to the student’s career and educational goals. The student must demonstrate that an individualized course of study will be an educationally sound alternative to traditional degree programs currently being offered at Coastal Carolina University.

Students applying to the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program, under the guidance of consulting faculty, develop a program of study listing the courses proposed to complete a degree program. Admission is not complete until the program of study contract has been approved by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. All students must complete their approved program of study to be eligible for graduation. Any subsequent change of MAJOR requirements in the program of study will require the prior written approval of the student's faculty adviser, the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, and the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program may accept up to 60 semester hours from technical colleges and up to 30 semester hours of nontraditional credit, provided that transcripts for such nontraditional activities are submitted. Transfer credit granted for technical and nontraditional studies apply as elective credit only. A maximum of 76 credits may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited two-year college transfer program. A maximum of 90 credits may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited four-year college or university. A maximum of nine (9) credits for Independent Study and/or Internship may be used to fulfill the degree requirements. The Interdisciplinary Studies Program requires its graduates to earn 122 semester credits with a minimum 2.00 GPA. The last 30 credits before graduation must be registered for and completed after acceptance into the program.

The guidelines printed here apply to Bachelor of Arts degree programs. Bachelor of Science degree programs require a mathematics sequence which includes MATH 160 and a minimum of twelve (12) hours of upper division (300-level or higher) credits in mathematics or the sciences.

Courses in MAJOR REQUIREMENTS require a grade of C or above.

One course labeled Writing Intensive (WI) must be taken by every student during each
of the sophomore, junior, and senior years. English 101 and 102 are designated as writing intensive courses in the freshman year. In addition, one course labeled Computer Usage (CU) must be successfully completed by every student before graduation.

At press time (March 2007) the University is in process of changing its degree requirements to meet the new Core Curriculum goals and courses. The new degree requirements will be in effect in Fall 2007. These new requirements will be published in Summer 2007 as a supplement to this Catalog.

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Major Requirements: Please see Summer Catalog supplement.

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS

The minors listed below require course work from a variety of academic fields, and are a multidisciplinary introduction to their disciplines.

Environmental Studies Minor
Fitness Minor
Interdisciplinary Communication Minor
International Studies Minor
Latin American Studies Minor
Sports Medicine Minor
Women's and Gender Studies Minor