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Interdisciplinary Studies

What does an Interdisciplinary Studies major study?

Interdisciplinary Studies is a unique academic program that offers highly motivated and intellectually curious students the opportunity to develop an individualized and integrated major program of study from across the traditional academic disciplines. The program also introduces students to the academic field of interdisciplinary studies.

The objective of the BAIS degree is to provide current or transfer students whose educational and professional objectives do not fall within an established major to design a focused program of study. The program may also be of interest to returning students whose specific educational objectives are determined by ongoing or intended employment opportunities.

What are some sample programs Interdisciplinary Studies majors?

Interdisciplinary Studies students have an opportunity to develop a program of study that matches his or her unique interests, abilities, and values; therefore, there are as many programs of study as there are individuals. Students may custom design a program to match his or her specific educational objectives or may choose courses from one of our sample programs, including:

- Arts Management
- Military Science
- Law and Society
- Community and Human Services
- Community and Learning
- Fitness and Recreation

What are some career options for Interdisciplinary Studies majors?

Interdisciplinary Studies students seek careers in a wide range of fields. In the past students have designed programs of study as preparation for graduate school and for careers such as:

- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Coaching
- Military Careers
- FBI Agent
- Entrepreneurship
- Day Care Center Owner
- Law Related Careers
- Police Officer
- Government Careers
- Journalism
- University Administration
- Environmental Careers

As part of your program planning process, we encourage all students intending to major in Interdisciplinary Studies to work with a Career Counselor from our Career Services Center to complete an assessment to discover their unique abilities, interests, and values and to match those to specific career fields. In addition, we recommend all students complete an internship as part of their program of study.

How do I become an Interdisciplinary Studies Student?

Upon being admitted to Coastal Carolina University, you may declare your major as PRE-Interdisciplinary Studies or Undeclared. All students must submit a detailed application to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and have their program of study approved prior to being admitted to the program.

Whom can I contact for more information?

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- You can also find more information and an Interdisciplinary Studies application at www.coastal.edu/bais