



INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



COASTAL CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM

DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Mission Statement

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program (Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies or BAIS and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies or BSIS) offers current, transfer, or returning students the opportunity to develop unique, integrated degree programs through the offerings of various departmentally-based curricula. Although each individual, integrated program of study may include learning outcomes specific and unique to that academic plan, there are several student learning outcomes that are general to the BAIS degree. These include: (a) Communication skills: students will demonstrate oral and written communication skills appropriate to the disciplines studied and to differing audiences and contexts. (b) Critical and analytical thinking: students will demonstrate the ability to absorb and analyze complex material from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. (c) Problem solving: students will demonstrate the ability to analyze complex issues, draw reasoned conclusions, and evaluate the effectiveness of proposed solutions to problems. (d) Intellectual and research skills: students will demonstrate knowledge of research and scholarship appropriate to interdisciplinary studies.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Through the provision of curricular alternatives to traditional degree programs offered at Coastal Carolina University, traditional students will have the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve their educational goals and will be prepared for graduate school or a professional career.
2. Through the provision of curricular alternatives to traditional degree programs offered at Coastal Carolina University, non-traditional students will have the necessary knowledge and skills to meet their educational and professional development needs and will also be prepared for graduate school.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 15 semester credits is required and the completion of 30 semester hours is recommended before filing an application to the program. A minimum 2.00 GPA is required.

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 MINOR requirements in the program will require the prior written approval of the student's faculty adviser and the Director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. 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 120 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.

Students must receive a grade of C or above in ENGL 101, ENGL 390 or 459, Mathematics, Foundation Course, and Major Requirements.

I. CORE CURRICULUM (37-41 Credits).....	37-41
II. FRESHMAN GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (0-3 Credits)	
University 110, The First-Year Experience	3
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UNIV 110 is required for all new entering freshmen and for new transfer students with fewer than 12 transfer credit hours unless the transfer student has satisfactorily completed a college transition course.	
III. FOUNDATION COURSES (6 Credits)	6
IV. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (30 Credits)	

Thirty credits of 300-level or higher course work, including UNIV 498 (Capstone/Senior Seminar), with no more than 15 credits from any one discipline. No more than 24 credits from a single discipline may be combined in the Advanced Study (major area of concentration) and the Related Electives category. No more than six (6) credits for courses numbered 399 may be used to fulfill major requirements. The student's completed program (Advanced Study and Related Electives) must reflect a minimum of thirty-six credit hours at the 300-level or higher.

At least 30 credit hours towards degree requirements must be completed in residence at Coastal Carolina University after students are admitted to the Program.

V. ELECTIVES (46-53 Credits).....	46-53
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A. Related Electives (21 Credits).....	21
(Courses specifically related to major requirements as prerequisites or relevant to the overall program of study.) Three hours should include ENGL 390 (or ENGL 459).	
B. Electives (Number of credits needed to bring total credits to 120) (Courses not specifically related to major requirement courses.)	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	120