INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR

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

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Interdisciplinary Studies is to provide a unique academic program that offers highly motivated and intellectually curious students the opportunity to develop an individualized, innovative and integrated major. As an alternative to a traditional major, self-directed students are engaged and mentored by faculty to build a concentration on the basis of a interrelated unifying issue, topic, theme, culture, or personal inquiry.

GOALS FOR PROGRAM

Goal 1:
To maintain and increase the number of students within the Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Objective 1:
To add 40 or more new INTS or INTSP majors during the academic year.

Objective 2:
The IDS program adviser and/or University College dean will schedule and hold at least three meetings with the chairs of and/or advisers of other departments to promote the program.

GOALS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Goal 1:
Students should be able to apply the research methodologies of interdisciplinary studies.

Student Learning Outcome 1:
Students should be able to use criteria to evaluate potential sources of information.

Student Learning Outcome 2:
Students should be able to distinguish between generating new knowledge and summarizing existing knowledge.

Student Learning Outcome 3:
Students will be able to describe the interdisciplinary research process.

Student Learning Outcome 4:
Student will be able to recognize and describe interdisciplinary research questions.
Goal 2:
In a well-written short writing sample, students should be able to explain clearly and specifically their reasons for pursuing an interdisciplinary program of study and their unique goals for their individualized interdisciplinary programs.

Student Learning Outcome 1:
Students should be able to state in writing their reasons for pursuing an IDS degree, including a clear explanation of why a traditional major is/was not appropriate for their individual academic/professional goals.

Student Learning Outcome 2:
Students should be able to explain in writing how the academic courses they have taken coalesce into a unified program that helps them to achieve their individual academic and professional goals.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Application procedures and guidelines for the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program may be obtained from the dean of University College. The completion of 15 semester credit hours is required and the completion of 30 semester credit hours is recommended before filing an application to the program. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required.

All applications for admission will be reviewed by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Consideration is given to previous coursework and suitability of the proposed curriculum. 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 adviser and the dean of University College.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program may accept up to 60 semester credit hours from technical colleges and up to 30 semester credit hours of nontraditional credit, such as AP, IB and CLEP, 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 credit hours may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited two-year college transfer program. A maximum of 90 credit hours may be transferred for degree credits from any regionally accredited four-year college or university.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program requires its graduates to earn 120 semester credit hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
The guidelines here apply to Bachelor of Arts degree programs. Bachelor of Science degree programs require a mathematics sequence which includes MATH 160 with a grade of 'C' or better and a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper division (300 level or above) credit hours in mathematics or the sciences.

Students must receive a grade of 'C' or better in all Foundation Courses and Major Requirements.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: B.A.I.S., B.S.I.S. (120 Credits)**

**I. CORE CURRICULUM (39-44 Credits)......................................................... 39-44**

**II. FRESHMAN GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (0-3 Credits)**
Minimum grade of 'C' is required.
UNIV 110 The First-Year Experience............................................................ 0-3
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)**
Choose one from the following: (3 Credits).................................................. 3
   ENGL 211 Introduction to Technical and Professional Writing (3)
   ENGL 290 Introduction to Business Communication (3)
   ENGL 390 Business and Professional Communication (3)
   IDS 310 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies........................................ 3

**IV. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (36 Credits)**
   IDS 398 Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies................................ 3
   IDS 499 Capstone Research Project in Interdisciplinary Studies.................. 3
   Approved Program Courses*............................................................................... 30

*Thirty credit hours of 300 level or above coursework approved for the individual student program by the University Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. No more than 16 credit hours from any one discipline may be used to satisfy the program. A maximum of six credit hours for Directed Study and three to nine credit hours for Internship may be used to fulfill the degree requirements. The student’s completed program must reflect a minimum of 36 credit hours at the 300 level or above. At least 12 credit hours in major requirements and 30 total credit hours must be completed at Coastal Carolina University.

**V. ELECTIVES (39-52 Credits)................................................................. 39-52**

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED................................................................. 120**