Bachelor of Science

Interdisciplinary Studies—Social Sciences

CWU—Online Program

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Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies Social Sciences is for students who are interested in broader options in course selection than are possible within a traditional departmental major and who want to specialize their course of study according to individual interests and professional/educational aspirations. Persons holding this degree will find employment in a variety of occupations, ranging from corporate to social services, depending upon their primary emphasis among the various disciplines within the social science category. This degree also provides excellent preparation for graduate studies in psychology, sociology, social work, and political science.

Here is what one of our students had to say about the Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences major:

"My liberal arts degree has helped to open so many doors for me and it has sparked my interest in things that I otherwise would not have even known existed."

Students will devise an approved program of study with their advisor, which fulfills their academic or career goals, based on the following two options:

62 Credit major

Required courses: IDS 289 (1cr.) and IDS 489 (1cr.)

60 credits must be taken from the list of approved courses, 45 of which must be upper division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

In addition, the 47 credit major must complete either a traditional departmental minor (20-44 credits) or a second major.

47 Credit major

Required courses: IDS 289 (1 cr.) and IDS 489 (1 cr.)

45 credits must be taken from the list of approved courses, 30 of which must be upper division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

Online Admissions Process

I. Apply to CWU

- Apply for admission to Central Washington University online at www.cwu.edu/admissions.
- If you meet CWU’s general education requirements through a community college direct transfer agreement (DTA), bachelor’s degree, or equivalent from any state accredited college or university please submit official electronic or hard copy transcripts from any colleges or universities you have attended to Admissions.

II. Apply to the major

To apply for the Interdisciplinary Studies major, please complete the online form located on the web: http://www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/OnlineForm-IDS.html.

For more information, visit http://www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/interdisciplinary.html.
Curriculum

I. Required Courses: Students will not be allowed to enroll in IDS 289 and IDS 489 concurrently.

IDS 289 (Proposal Colloquium) is required before entry into this major. This course is designed as an introduction to the Interdisciplinary Studies program and is intended to assist students in designing a cohesive program of study.

IDS 489 (Senior Colloquium) is required before graduating with this degree. This course, taken during the last quarter of study, is designed as the end of program assessment for the Interdisciplinary Studies majors. Students will prepare a comprehensive degree report and/or descriptive portfolio or project.

II. Approved Courses (C– or better grade required) from the following disciplines:

- Africana and Black Studies, ABS 300, 302, 303, 305, 306, 310, 400, and 398
- Anthropology (all courses)
- Biology, BIOL 302, BIOL 304
- Communication (all courses)
- Economics (all courses)
- English (all 300-400 level courses)
- Environmental Studies (all courses)
- Ethnic Studies (all courses)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (all courses)
- Geography (all courses)
- History (all courses)
- Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences: IDS 490, Internship (up to 15 credits)
- Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences: IDS 398, 498, Special Topics (up to 15 credits)
- Law and Justice (all courses)
- Library Science: LIB 345
- Management: HRM 381, MGT 380, MKT 360
- Philosophy (all courses)
- Political Science (all courses)
- Psychology (all courses)
- Sociology (all courses)
- Theatre (all courses)
- University 301
- Women Studies (all courses)

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including no more than 135 transfer credits. A minimum of 60 credits of upper division study is required (300-400 level). The general education program must be completed as defined in the University catalog. For a list of CWU General Education Requirements view [http://www.cwu.edu/~acadadv/BasicBreadth.php](http://www.cwu.edu/~acadadv/BasicBreadth.php). Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements. To find a list of transfer course equivalencies see [http://www.cwu.edu/~regi/equivalencies/10_college_list.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~regi/equivalencies/10_college_list.html)

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