

Bachelor of Science

Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences

CWU at Everett and Mt. Vernon

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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, political science, and anthropology.

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, coherent 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 (1 cr.) and IDS 489 (1 cr.)

60 credits must be taken from a list of courses approved for the social sciences major, 45 of which must be upper division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major. No more than 15 credits of the 60 may be numbered 490.

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. No more than 10 credits of the 45 may be numbered 490. In addition, this 47 credit major must complete either a traditional departmental minor (20-44 credits) or a second major.

Required Courses

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 majors in designing a cohesive program of study.

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

Curriculum

Required Courses

- IDS 289 - Proposal Colloquium
- IDS 489 - Senior Colloquium

Approved Courses from the following disciplines:

- Anthropology (approved courses only)
- Business: HRM 381, MGT 380, MKT 360
- Economics (all courses)
- Ethnic Studies (all courses)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (approved courses only)
- Geography (approved courses only)
- Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences: IDS 490
- Law and Justice (all courses)
- Political Science (all courses)
- Psychology (all courses)
- Sociology (all courses)
- Women Studies (all courses)

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including 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. (Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements.)

Admissions

Application for Admission to Central Washington University is available on our website at: www.cwu.edu/~cwuadmis.
Send official transcripts directly to CWU-Lynnwood.

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