

CHARTER
Interdisciplinary Studies – Social Sciences
Central Washington University
October 1, 2013

MISSION

The mission of the Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences (IDS) program is to encourage a broad-based worldview through the study of many disciplines within the Social Sciences. Using a variety of mediums, the IDS program enhances effective communication and provides opportunities for exploration, investigation and deliberation that lead to greater insights, appreciation and the contextualization of knowledge.

OBJECTIVES

The IDS program will...

- Assess and improve our undergraduate curriculum.
- Promote effective teaching.
- Promote excellence in learning; to prepare students for careers and advanced study.
- Support involvement of our students in community service.
- Assure faculty staffing adequate to support timely delivery of all courses in all IDS disciplines at all sites.
- Increase diversity of our students and faculty.
- Seek support for faculty teaching, scholarship and professional development activities.
- Increase awareness of the IDS Program both inside and outside of CWU.
- Increase collaboration with COTS Social Science Departments.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

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 be adequately prepared to 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.

TARGET POPULATION

IDS-Social Sciences degree program is for students who are interested in designing their own educational curriculum, within the social sciences, aimed at accomplishing individualized academic, vocational and personal learning objectives.

RESIDENCE AND BUDGET

The IDS-Social Sciences Program resides within the College of the Sciences (COTS). The budget is managed by the Academic Coordinator, with oversight from the COTS Dean.

IDS PROGRAM FACULTY

Program faculty includes all Program Directors and the Academic Coordinator of the IDS Program.

IDS PROGRAM DIRECTOR(S)

The IDS Program Director positions combine administration, instruction, advising, and service in the IDS program and are partially defined by campus location. Directors advise prospective and current students, arrange and oversee cooperative education placements, liaison with CWU administrators, and work in coordination with other IDS Program Directors. IDS program directors also teach up to two courses within the IDS curriculum per quarter, in addition to the introductory (IDS 289) and the capstone (IDS 489) courses. Those Directors located at Center campuses are expected to represent the IDS Program and interact with appropriate community college faculty, staff, and administration:

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Eligibility: The Academic Coordinator must be a faculty member of the IDS program faculty.

Selection Process: The Academic Coordinator is nominated and elected by the program faculty in a manner similar to the election of a department chair. The election is approved and the director appointed by the Dean of COTS.

Term of Service: The Academic Coordinator will serve for three years.

Academic Coordinator Duties

- Advocate for the IDS-Social Science program, the 4-5 Program Directors, and the 400+ majors.
- Schedule and set agendas for the IDS-Social Sciences Advisory Committee and program director meetings.
- Monitor currency of the program charter; propose amendments as needed.
- Lead the process of curriculum assessment and development, including working with faculty on IDS 398 Special Topics classes.
- Engage in and coordinate strategic planning, program review and personnel review efforts designed to optimize IDS-Social Sciences program delivery.
- Program budget planning and oversight.

- Support IDS Program Directors and faculty with student concerns and facilitate conflict resolution.
- Schedule and coordinate quarterly and annual IDS-Social Sciences course offerings for all CWU campuses and online with Department Chairs, IDS Program Directors and COTS IDS Administrative Assistant.
- Recruit faculty and negotiate with department chairs and deans to fulfill staffing needs.
- Serve as a liaison and advocate to other academic administrators.
- Engage in other duties as assigned by the Dean and Associate Dean of COTS.

IDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The IDS Advisory Committee oversees the IDS Program.

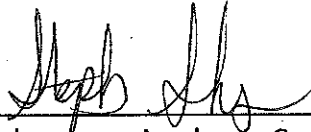
Committee Membership

- The IDS Academic Coordinator, a voting member.
- The IDS Program Directors, voting members.
- Affiliate Faculty members from the COTS Social Sciences departments, non-voting members.
- Associate Dean of the COTS, non-voting member.

The Advisory Committee will be responsible for:

- Advising the Academic Coordinator on activities in the interest of the IDS-Social Sciences program.
- Reviewing and recommending:
 - Changes to the program charter and review policies.
 - Changes in program curriculum and assessment including development of interdisciplinary courses.

Approved:



Stephen Schepman, Academic Coordinator
Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences

10/1/2013

Date



Kirk Johnson, Dean, College of the Sciences

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Date