Bachelor of Science

Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences

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 many other areas.

CWU-Des Moines offers either a 62-credit or a 47-credit major, with many course delivery options including traditional classroom, interactive television, web centric, and online classes. Additionally, both majors can be completed entirely online.

Application Process

Application for Admission to Central Washington University is available at www.cwu.edu/admissions. Submit official electronic transcripts to CWU-Ellensburg and a hard copy to CWU-Des Moines from any colleges or universities you have attended. Submit a final official transcript once your Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) associates degree is posted or required preadmission coursework is complete.

Upon admission to Central Washington University, students must apply and be admitted to the IDS major, contact the program director. For more information, visit www.cwu.edu/sciences/interdisciplinarystudies-socialsciences.

Dual Admission Students

If you are currently enrolled in a DTA associate's degree or applied/technical degree program at a community college and have completed fewer than 60 quarter credits, you may be eligible for Dual Admission. Please visit our CWU office for more information before applying online at: http://www.cwu.edu/admissions/dual-admission-program

Students must be admitted to the major at least 3 quarters prior to graduation. Applicants must have completed 60 credit hours, a minimum of 2.25 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing for admission to the program.

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Curriculum

I. Core list—required courses:

**IDS 289 Introduction to the Major** (1 credit) 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.

**Research Methods in the Social Sciences** (4-5 credits) choose one:
ANTH 444, PSY 300, SOC 363 or as approved by Program Director

**IDS 389 Academic and Career Exploration** (3 credits)

**IDS 489 Senior Portfolio Project** (1 credit) 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 elective courses (C– or better grade required) from the following disciplines:

- **American Indian Studies** (all courses)
- **Anthropology** (all courses)
- **Economics** (all courses)
- **Environmental Studies** (all courses)
- **Ethnic Studies** (all courses)
- **Geography** (all courses)
- **Health Education** (approved courses): HED 209, HED 210, HED 310, HED 317, HED 330, HED 387, HED 450, HED 471, HED 472
- **History** (all courses)
- **Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences** (all courses)
- **Law and Justice** (all courses)
- **Library Science**: LIB 345
- **Political Science** (all courses)
- **Psychology** (all courses)
- **Sociology** (all courses)
- **University**: UNIV 309
- **Women’s and Gender Studies** (all courses)

Graduation Requirements

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. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements.