Interdisciplinary Studies

Office of Interdisciplinary Programs
(907) 474-7716

B.A., B.S., B.T. Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 130 credits

The UAF interdisciplinary program provides flexibility to students who have well-defined goals that do not fit into one of the established majors offered by the university. The program is available to undergraduate and graduate students (see page 195 for graduate information). Interdisciplinary Studies, both graduate and undergraduate programs, is located in the Graduate School office. Help with the application process, contact information for faculty advisors and assistance for interdisciplinary students is available at (907) 474-7464 or see www.uaf.edu/gradsch/general/degrees/INDS/.

Students may submit a proposal for an interdisciplinary program after completing 15 credits at UAF as long as they have at least 30 credits remaining in the proposed degree program. The proposed curriculum must differ significantly from established degree programs at UAF and will require evidence that the necessary facilities and faculty are available to ensure an approximation of a normal undergraduate degree. All general requirements for the B.A., B.S. or B.T. degree must be met.

In developing an interdisciplinary proposal, the student should specify the degree (B.A., B.S. or B.T.), include an explanation of how the proposed program differs substantially from established UAF programs, and include a discussion that current UAF resources are adequate to meet the requirements of the proposed program. (A minimum of two disciplines is required for the interdisciplinary degree.) The student then obtains an advisory committee of at least three faculty members from the appropriate disciplines and holds at least one formal meeting with the full committee to review the proposal. The committee will appoint a chair, review the proposed program, select a degree title in concert with the student and make its recommendation. Applicants then submit to the vice provost for instructional affairs their proposal for the program they wish to pursue, specifying the degree, proposed curriculum work sheet and rationale. The degree is awarded through the school or college of the chair of the committee, subject to approval by the vice provost for instructional affairs.

Students interested in pursuing an undergraduate interdisciplinary degree can contact the Office of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs for help in finding faculty advisors and developing their curriculum proposal.

B.A., B.S. or B.T. degree
1. Contact the UAF Office of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs for materials and procedures.
2. Contact three faculty to serve as the INDS committee.
4. Conduct committee meeting to finalize degree proposal, title of degree, and assessment plan.
5. Submit proposal to appropriate dean for approval.
6. Submit to the vice provost for instructional affairs for final approval.
7. Minimum credits required .....................................................130

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2005-2006 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.
Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:
ENGL 111X .................................................................(3)

ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:
ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ..........................................(3)

Complete one of the following:
COMM 131X OR COMM 141X ..................................(3)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:
ANTH 100X/SOC 100X..................................................(3)
ECON 100X OR PS 100X.............................................(3)
HIST 100X.................................................................(3)
ENGL/FL 200X............................................................(3)

Complete one of the following three courses:
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X ...............(3)

Complete one of the following six courses:
BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X, ..............................................(3)

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS
* two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other
  non-English language OR
* three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language
  taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:
MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR MATH 103X .................(3-4)

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.

OR complete one of the following:
MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X .........................................(4)

* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:
ATM 101X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 100X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 103X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 104X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 105X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 106X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 111X ...............................................................(4)
BIOL 112X ...............................................................(4)
CHEM 100X ............................................................(4)
CHEM 103X ............................................................(4)
CHEM 104X ............................................................(4)
CHEM 105X ............................................................(4)
CHEM 106X ............................................................(4)
GEOG 205X ............................................................(4)
GEOS 100X ............................................................(4)
GEOS 101X ............................................................(4)
GEOS 112X ............................................................(4)
GEOS 120X ............................................................(4)
GEOS 125X ............................................................(4)
MSL 111X ...............................................................(4)
PHYS 102X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 103X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 104X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 115X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 116X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 173X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 211X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 212X ............................................................(4)
PHYS 213X ............................................................(4)

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing ......................(0–1)

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:
Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ..............(0)
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) ...(0)
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the
upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) .....(0)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED ......................................... 38–39