



Interdisciplinary Studies Major Associate of Applied Science - Approval Form

Summary of the Major

The interdisciplinary studies AAS degree allows students the flexibility to create a custom major with a technical or applied focus, and when their educational goals do not fit into one of the established AAS degrees offered by UAF. This approval form is reviewed and approved by a faculty committee, who are selected by the student. In this form you will be creating your:

- > Major's title
- > Major's Course List
- > Major's Proposal Narratives
- > Student Checklist to verify your understanding of expectations
- > Faculty Committee list on the Signature Page

Students who are interested in an interdisciplinary studies program should meet with an advisor in the office of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies or the CTC Advising Center to discuss their educational plan. Appointments can be scheduled by clicking the "schedule an appointment" link on the [undergraduate interdisciplinary studies website](#) or by calling the CTC Advising Center at 907-455-2800.

The Deadline to submit this form is the last day of final exams, the semester PRIOR to your graduation term.

Student's Degree Information

Student Name _____ UA ID# _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Major's Title _____

Catalog Year _____ Total Credits in Proposed Major _____

Current UAF GPA (2.0 min) _____

Expected Graduation Term Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____



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Major Proposal Narrative

Student Name: _____ UA ID#: _____

Proposed Major Title: _____

Please answer the following prompts with short essays. If you find that you need more space, feel free to attach a separate/additional document to this form. Looking at catalog descriptions of existing UAF AAS degrees may be helpful in determining what to include in your major's description. <https://catalog.uaf.edu/programs/>

Define your major's title and provide a general description of your major.

List and describe your interdisciplinary major's learning outcomes, including skills and knowledge you hope to gain.



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Major Proposal Narrative

Student Name: _____ UA ID#: _____

Proposed Major Title: _____

Explain how your course list supports your title and learning outcomes of your major.

Provide a brief description of how this major is relevant to you and your educational goals.



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Checklist

Student Name: _____ UA ID#: _____

Proposed Major Title: _____

Student Checklist

YES

NO

- _____ Do you still have AT LEAST one more semester to complete before graduation?
- _____ Is the title and theme of your major unique? (Not available at UAF with another AAS major)?
- _____ Does your class list include classes from at least TWO different disciplines AND demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge/skills?
- _____ Does your faculty committee meet the requirements outlined on page 7? Committees that don't meet these requirements can be approved by Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies Director initialling here _____
- _____ Did you meet with your Faculty Committee to discuss all aspects of your Interdisciplinary major? Date of meeting _____
- _____ Did you answer all of the writing prompts pages 3 and 4?
- _____ Did an Interdisciplinary Studies advisor review this form?
- _____ Have you reviewed your AAS degree requirements, beyond your Interdisciplinary Studies major, with and advisor, and do you have clear understanding of your graduation requirements? If "NO," please make an advising appointment.

**** All NO's need to be approved by Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies Director and signed off here _____**

DocuSign Routing Instructions

The completed form should be sent to an Interdisciplinary advisor for processing via DocuSign. Copies of the form will be sent to:

- The student's email, uaf-interdisciplinary@alaska.edu, & uaf-graduation@alaska.edu



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Signature Page

Student Name: _____ UA ID#: _____

Proposed Minor Title: _____

Name (printed)	Signature	Date
STUDENT		

Name (printed)	Department	Signature	Date
FACULTY MEMBER (CHAIR OF COMMITTEE)			

Name (printed)	Department	Signature	Date
FACULTY MEMBER			

Name (printed)	Department	Signature	Date
FACULTY MEMBER			

Name (printed)	Department	Signature	Date
ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (OPTIONAL)			

Name (printed)	Signature	Date
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DIRECTOR		

Name (printed)	Department	Signature	Date
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE DEAN			

Name (printed)	Signature	Date
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Guidelines

Title

- An Interdisciplinary Studies Major title cannot be redundant with or too similar to an existing UAF major.
- The title must be an accurate representation of courses, capstone and the major's theme.
- Your title can't make your major appear to be something it is not, and it can't sound like a degree that has specialized accreditation (e.g. nursing).

Course List

- Individual courses must have a grade of CR, P, or C- or better.
- Examples of how to enter courses are provided in the top two boxes on page two. *ABUS F101 how you enter a UAF course or transfer course that transfers as an equivalent to a UAF course. ** JUST F2 is how you enter a transfer course that transfers as a departmental elective.
- Courses must be from at least two different academic departments.
- Collectively, the major's courses must demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge and skills.
- 60 total credits are needed to complete any AAS degree. On this form, students only need to list the courses in the Major Specialty. A minimum of 30 credits must be in the Major Specialty. 6Major courses can't share with AAS degree requirements.

Faculty Committee

- Faculty committees must include a minimum of three members including the committee chair.
- The committee members must represent at least two different academic department and should be selected based on their knowledge of the students interdisciplinary interests.
- The faculty committee members should be full-time UAF teaching or research faculty.
- The committee chair should be a full time teaching faculty member from a college or school that offers the same degree level as your interdisciplinary degree. The committee chair will serve as the student's faculty advisor once their interdisciplinary studies major has been approved.
- An additional (forth) committee member is allowed but is optional. The fourth committee member should be affiliated with the University of Alaska, but the other committee guidelines don't apply. This can be a mentor or advisor that has helped the student develop their interdisciplinary plan or who offers specialized expertise related to the student's interdisciplinary studies major.

Contact information for advising or assistance with this form

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