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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Interdisciplinary Studies General Studies
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	BA, BS, BT

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

Eliminate completion of the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test as a degree requirement.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

General Studies Degree Completion Option (may not be used as a double major)

Students may not declare this major until they have accumulated at least 100 credits.

BA, BS or BT degree

- Contact the UAF Office of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs for materials and procedures. Prepare and submit a rationale/justification letter.
- Three faculty members serving in the Academic Advising Center or at Rural Campuses will serve as the degree completion interdisciplinary studies committee.
- Prepare rationale/justification letter explaining the need for the degree completion program.
- Conduct committee meeting to finalize degree proposal.
- Submit to the dean of the Graduate School for final approval.
- Complete all the requirements for the baccalaureate program including
 - Completing the Core curriculum
 - Completing the residency requirement
 - Completing 39 upper-division credits
 - Completing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test. This test should be completed when Core requirements are satisfied but may be taken the last semester in the program.
- Minimum credits required--130 credits

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES: (Underline new wording strike through old wording and use complete catalog format)

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Academic Advising Center

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2. Three faculty members serving in the Academic Advising Center or at Rural Campuses will serve as the degree completion interdisciplinary studies committee.
3. Prepare rationale/justification letter explaining the need for the degree completion program.
4. Conduct committee meeting to finalize degree proposal.
5. Submit to the dean of the ~~Graduate School~~ ^{>General Studies} for final approval.
6. Complete all the requirements for the baccalaureate program including
 1. Completing the Core curriculum
 2. Completing the residency requirement
 3. Completing 39 upper-division credits
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

None.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

None.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

This does not represent a major change to the program.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

The Interdisciplinary Studies General Studies option is a degree completion program for students who have completed at least 100 credits but have not completed the requirements for a UAF major. Students must complete 130 credits and all other baccalaureate requirements. The PRAXIS exam is not integrated into their program and merely presents a final hurdle before graduation. Many of the degree completion students are distance students and the PRAXIS presents a particular hardship for them, as it is administered on campus. Elimination of the exam does not affect any of the curricular degree requirements.

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APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

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Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: _____

n/a	Date	
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Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: _____

	Date	10.17.14
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Signature, Dean, College/School of: _____

CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE

	Date	
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Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate
___ Curriculum Review Committee

___ Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee