

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BA, GENERAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

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## Program Description

The Interdisciplinary Studies Programs at CSUB allow students to examine concepts, issues, and perspectives that cross traditional boundaries of study, and to combine elements of distinct disciplines in a unique way. CSUB offers three Interdisciplinary Studies concentrations:

1. General Studies where students create their own program of study drawing on at least two different departments;
2. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies;
3. Ethnic and Area Studies.

## Interdisciplinary Studies, BA Program Goals and Objectives

Goal I: Students will develop broad, integrative knowledge.

1. Students will analyze complex issues, which integrate foundational knowledge, values, and methods from two or more disciplines.

Goal II: Students will develop cross-disciplinary skills.

1. Students will communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, in and across disciplinary styles and for various audiences and contexts.
2. Students will, as individual researchers/scholars as well as in collaboration with others, solve or creatively respond to a current complex problem drawing on two or more disciplinary approaches.

Goal III: Students in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies or Ethnic and Area Studies will apply an interdisciplinary approach.

1. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies students will apply feminist and other critical perspectives to examine the ways that gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, nationality, disability, and other facets of embodiment.
2. Ethnic and Area Studies students will apply an interdisciplinary approach to the comparative, intersectional, and relational study of African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicana/os-Latinas/os, and American Indians within local, regional, (trans)-national, and global contexts.

## Program Requirements

In addition to university education requirements, Interdisciplinary Studies students with a General Studies concentration will complete a minimum of 36 semester units in their chosen track specialization as part of their degree. A maximum of 12 units may be lower-division. Students work

closely with faculty from their primary disciplines and INST advisors to map out the courses and paths that best align with their goals of study.

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	2
	Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills	9
	Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences	9
	Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities	6
	Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
	Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF) <sup>2</sup>	0-3
	Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies	3
	American Institutions: Government and History	6
	Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR) <sup>3</sup>	0-3
	Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)	3
	Upper Division Thematic Area B, C, and D <sup>4</sup>	0-9
	General Education Capstone <sup>5</sup>	0-3
	<i>General Education Subtotal</i>	<i>41-59</i>
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
	Track Specialization	30
INST 4860	Interdisciplinary Internship <sup>1</sup>	3
INST 4908	Senior Seminar	3
	<i>Major Subtotal</i>	<i>36</i>
	<b>Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation</b>	<b>25-46</b>
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>102-141</b>

<sup>1</sup> Interdisciplinary Internship or other approved similar course that allows students to gain relevant experience

<sup>2</sup> SELF may double count with B, C, or D.

<sup>3</sup> JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement.

<sup>4</sup> Students are waived from UD area of their program. Area of program determined on individual basis depending on approved program of study.

<sup>5</sup> Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.