

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BA, WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY 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 concentration in Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies complete a minimum of 33 semester units in their chosen track

specialization as part of their degree. Students work closely with INST advisors to map out the courses and paths that best align with their goals of study, and include, at minimum, the following elements:

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
	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) ³	0-3
	Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies	3
	American Institutions: Government and History	6
	Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR) ⁴	0-3
	Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)	3
	Upper Division Thematic Area B, C, and D ⁵	0-9
	General Education Capstone ⁶	0-3
	<i>General Education Subtotal</i>	<i>41-59</i>
Major Requirements		
<i>Required Course</i>		
INST 3128	Gender and Sexuality	3
<i>Arts and Humanities Courses</i>		
Select three of the following:		
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ART 3650	Women in Visual Arts	
COMM 3088	Gender and Communication	
ENGL 3250	Literature by Women of Color	
ENGL 3410	Gender in Literature and Film	
HIST 3630	Women and Gender in the Transatlantic World	
HIST 4410	Gender in East Asia	
PHIL/INST 2329	Sexual Ethics	
PHIL 3548	Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality	
PHIL 4550	Feminist Philosophy	
RS 3368	Women, Religion and Sexuality	
THTR 3138	Women Playwrights	
<i>Social Sciences and Education</i>		
Select three of the following:		
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ANTH 4310	Anthropology of Gender	
CAFS 3200	Individual and Family Development in Diverse Cultures	
CRJU 3318	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
CRJU 4638	Victims and the Criminal Justice System	
KINE 3338	Women, Sport and Physical Activity	
PLSI 3248	Women in Politics	
PSYC 3620	Psychological Aspect of Human Sexuality	
PSYC 3638	The Psychology of Sexual Orientation	
PSYC 4610	Psychology of Women	
SOC 2400	Sex and Gender Issues	
SOC 3408	Gender and Society	
SOC 3420	Chicana Experiences	
SOC 3500	Family and Society	

SOC 4310	The Latin American Experience	
SOC 4400	The LGBTQ Experience in the U.S.	
<i>Electives</i>		
Select six units of the following: ¹		6
ECON 3008	Gender and Diversity in Workplace	
ETHS 4410	Black Feminist and Womanist Perspectives	
INST 3210	Feminist Critiques	
NURS 3010	Women's Health	
<i>Applied Coursework</i>		
INST 4860	Interdisciplinary Internship ²	3
<i>Senior Seminar</i>		
INST 4908	Senior Seminar	3
<i>Major Subtotal</i>		33
Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation		25-46
Total Units		99-138

¹ Select from the approved courses listed above, additional courses listed below, or courses approved by director of Interdisciplinary Studies

² Interdisciplinary Internship or other approved similar course that allows students to gain relevant first-hand experience.

³ SELF may double count with B, C, or D.

⁴ JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement.

⁵ Students are waived from UD area of their program. Area of program determined on individual basis depending on approved program of study.

⁶ Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.