

Bachelor of Science

Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences

CWU at Mt. Vernon

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Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies–Social Sciences is for students who are interested in broader options in course selection than are possible within a traditional departmental major and who want to specialize their course of study according to individual interests and professional/educational aspirations. Persons holding this degree will find employment in a variety of occupations, ranging from corporate to social services, depending upon their primary emphasis among the various disciplines within the social science category. This degree also provides excellent preparation for graduate studies in psychology, sociology, social work, and political science.

CWU at Mt. Vernon offers many course delivery options including traditional classroom, interactive television, web centric, and online classes.

Here is what one of our students had to say about the Interdisciplinary Studies–Social Sciences major:

“My liberal arts degree has helped to open so many doors for me and it has sparked my interest in things that I otherwise would not have even known existed.”

Students will devise an approved program of study with their advisor, which fulfills their academic or career goals, based on the following two options:

62 Credit major

Required courses: IDS 289 (1 cr.) and IDS 489 (1 cr.)

60 credits must be taken from the list of approved courses, 45 of which must be upper division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

47 Credit major

Required courses: IDS 289 (1 cr.) and IDS 489 (1 cr.)

45 credits must be taken from the list of approved courses, 30 of which must be upper division. Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the major.

In addition, this 47 credit major must complete either a traditional departmental minor (20-44 credits) or a second major.

Admissions

Students must first be accepted to Central Washington University before applying for the major. Application for admission to CWU must be completed online at

www.applyweb.com/apply/cwu. Send official transcripts directly to CWU-Lynnwood*.

To apply for the IDS major, contact the program director (see contact information listed). For more information, visit www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/interdisciplinary.html.

Curriculum

Required Courses

IDS 289 (Proposal Colloquium) is required before entry into this major. This course is designed as an introduction to the Interdisciplinary Studies program and is intended to assist students in designing a cohesive program of study.

IDS 489 (Senior Colloquium) is required before graduating with this degree. This course, taken during the last quarter of study, is designed as the end of program assessment for the Interdisciplinary Studies majors. Students will prepare a comprehensive degree report and/or descriptive portfolio or project.

Approved Courses from the following disciplines:

- Anthropology (all courses)
- Biology: BIOL 302, BIOL 304
- Communication (all courses)
- Economics (all courses)
- English (all 300-400 level courses)
- Environmental Studies (all courses)
- Ethnic Studies (all courses)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (FCSF 333, FCSF 335, FCSF 337, FCSF 434, FCSF 435)
- Geography (all courses)
- History (all courses)
- Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences: IDS 490, Internship (up to 15 credits)
- Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences: IDS 398, 498, Special Topics (up to 15 credits)
- Law and Justice (all courses)
- Management: HRM 381, MGT 380, MKT 360
- Philosophy (all courses)
- Political Science (all courses)
- Psychology (all courses)
- Sociology (all courses)
- Theatre (all courses)
- Women's Studies (all courses)

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including no more than 135 transfer credits. A minimum of 60 credits of upper division study is required (300-400 level). The general education program must be completed as defined in the University catalog. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements.

**This program is offered in partnership with Everett Community College and Skagit Valley College, Mt. Vernon and facilitated through the CWU-Lynnwood center.*

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