

B.S., INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES - GOALS OPTION

Admission Requirements

Admission process for an interdisciplinary studies custom major (goals option)

1. Students who are interested in an interdisciplinary studies program should start by meeting with an advisor in the office of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies to discuss and develop their educational plan. Please click on the "schedule an appointment" link on the undergraduate interdisciplinary studies website (<https://www.uaf.edu/inds/>).
2. If you are not currently a UAF student, are attending as a non-degree student or are enrolled in an associate or certificate program, you need to apply for admission to a bachelor's degree with the UAF Office of Admissions (<https://www.uaf.edu/admissions/apply/>). If you are currently active in a bachelor's degree program at UAF, you do not need to reapply for admission and can skip this step.
3. Create a draft of your interdisciplinary studies major plan, including its title, courses to be included, a written description and a capstone. You can work on a draft directly on the Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor's Degree- Goals Option Approval Form. (<https://uaf.edu/inds/forms.php>) Students are also encouraged to use a plan ahead worksheet or spreadsheet to lay out a path to graduation.
4. Contact at least three faculty to serve as your interdisciplinary committee. An optional fourth committee member can be added for further expertise and advice. One faculty member will serve as the chair/advisor. The faculty chair should be affiliated with an academic unit that provides the degree level you are seeking. Students are welcome to work with faculty at all stages of their major, but once you have a draft of the approval form completed, you should arrange a formal committee meeting for all members to meet and discuss your academic plan. At this meeting, the committee will review your interdisciplinary studies major and provide feedback to help you refine your title and proposed courses. They will also help you determine an appropriate graduation capstone.
5. After receiving feedback and advice from your faculty committee, you will fill out or edit your drafted Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor's Degree- Goals Option Approval Form. The form must be submitted electronically to the office of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies, and will then be routed for electronic signatures by you, each of your committee members and the dean of your committee chair as well as the director of undergraduate interdisciplinary studies and vice provost for final approval.
6. Once your interdisciplinary studies packet is approved, you will be notified and your DegreeWorks will be updated to show your new major's courses. You will work with your committee chair as your primary academic advisor going forward.
7. Any changes to the approved curriculum are made with the approval of your faculty committee chair and submitted on a UAF Undergraduate Petition Form signed by your committee chair and the director of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies.
8. The approved title of your major will appear on your transcript and diploma when you graduate as "Interdisciplinary Studies: Your Title."

For more information visit the interdisciplinary studies website (<https://www.uaf.edu/inds/>).

Program Requirements

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

Minimum Requirements for Interdisciplinary B.S.: 130 credits

Code	Title	Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the general university requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/)		
General Education Requirements		
Complete the general education requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements/)		
B.A. Degree and Program Requirements		
Complete the B.S. degree requirements (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofsciencetext)		
Interdisciplinary Program Requirements		
Complete the following:		
Interdisciplinary studies major courses ¹		
Capstone ²		
INDS F400	Interdisciplinary Capstone	0

¹ An interdisciplinary major must include course work from more than one discipline, cannot be titled the same as an existing major and must demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge skills. Courses in the major must be approved by an advisory committee of at least three faculty members, the dean of the faculty committee chair and the vice provost. An Interdisciplinary major from UAF consists of a minimum of 30 credits, at least 12 of which have to be earned at UAF.

² An interdisciplinary capstone will be approved by the student's interdisciplinary committee. The capstone can be, but is not limited to, an internship, a research project or a course. The capstone for Interdisciplinary Studies goals option has two elements: 1. All students take INDS F400, a zero credit class that focuses on resume development and other practical steps in post-graduation planning. 2. Students are also encouraged to have a unique capstone that is specific to their individual needs. This second element of the capstone should help tie the major together and/or help prepare students for their post-graduation goals in a meaningful way.

Note: At least 39 credits upper-division (300-499) credits must be earned to complete a UAF bachelor's degree.

More information can be found on the interdisciplinary studies website (<https://www.uaf.edu/inds/>).