

Interdisciplinary Studies B.A.A.S.

Program Requirements

Catalog Department Overview # (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/undergraduate-interdisciplinary-studies/>)

Minimum Requirements for Interdisciplinary Studies B.A.A.S.: 120 credits

Concentrations: Individualized (p. 1), General Studies (p. 1)

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

	Credits
General University Requirements	
Complete the general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#gurbachelorsdegreestext)	
General Education Requirements	
Complete the general education requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#generaleducationrequirementstext)	35-40
B.A.A.S. Degree Requirements	
Complete the B.A.A.S. degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#bachelorofappliedartsandsciencestext)	10
Interdisciplinary Studies Program Requirements	
Complete an Associate of Applied Science degree from an accredited institution of higher education.	
<i>Capstone</i>	
Complete the following:	
INDS F401 Interdisciplinary Capstone Portfolio	1
Concentration	
Complete one of the following:	30 or more
Individualized ¹	
General Studies ²	
Total Credits	120

¹ Students choose the title of their major and the courses within their major with the guidance of a faculty committee.

² The General Studies concentration provides a flexible bachelor's degree completion pathway for students who have faced obstacles to completing other UAF majors. This concentration is intended for students who have earned 90 or more credits, and they must be approved to graduate with this concentration by the Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies department. Students do not name their major if they choose the General Studies concentration.

Note: At least 39 upper-division credits (F300-F499) must be earned to complete a UAF bachelor's degree.

Concentrations Individualized

	Credits
Individualized Concentration Requirements	
Complete the following:	
INDS F101 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies ³	1
INDS F301 Interdisciplinary Methods	2
An additional interdisciplinary capstone element will be approved by the student's interdisciplinary committee. The capstone can be, but is not limited to, an internship, a research project, a thesis or a course. ³	
Approved Individualized courses ⁴	27 or more
Total Credits	30

³ In addition to INDS F401, this element should be unique and specific to an individual student's major. It should connect the courses and learning outcomes of the major, demonstrate and/or apply the concepts learned, and help prepare students for their post-graduation goals in a meaningful way.

⁴ An Individualized concentration must include coursework from more than one discipline, cannot be titled the same as an existing major and must demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge and skills. Courses in the major must be approved by the director of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies, an advisory committee of at least three faculty members, the dean of the faculty committee chair and the dean of the Division of Exploratory Studies & Academic Success. An interdisciplinary studies major from UAF consists of a minimum of 30 credits, at least 12 of which have to be earned at UAF.

General Studies

	Credits
General Studies Concentration Requirements	
Complete the following:	
Students must be approved for the General Studies Concentration by the dean of the Division of Exploratory Studies & Academic Success	
Approved General Studies courses ⁵	30 or more
Total Credits	30

⁵ Students in the General concentration will work with a degree completion advisor to choose classes that are meaningful and relevant to their educational interests and career goals from a variety of disciplines.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

Students should meet with an undergraduate interdisciplinary advisor to discuss the appropriate concentration. Students will work with an advisor to complete the necessary paperwork to declare the concentration.

Additional guidance can be found on the Office of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies (<https://www.uaf.edu/inds/>) website.

Individualized Concentration

This concentration is fully customized to an individual student's unique learning outcomes. Building an Interdisciplinary Studies major takes time, effort, and commitment from the student, and it is ultimately a student's

responsibility to make sure things are done well and on time. However, they will have the guidance of a multidisciplinary, three-person faculty committee and the help of the Office of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies (UIS) along the way. Students will work with their faculty committee and a UIS advisor to choose their major's title, courses, capstone, and learning outcomes, which they will document on an Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor's Approval Form. Once the form is drafted, students must have a formal faculty committee meeting to get feedback and apply edits. The form is then signed by the student, their faculty committee, the director of the UIS, the faculty committee chair's dean, and the Dean of the Division of Exploratory Studies & Academic Success. The approved title of a student's interdisciplinary major will appear on their transcript and diploma when they graduate as follows: "Your Title: Interdisciplinary Studies" and their concentration (and minor, if added) will be listed below.

Timeline

We encourage students in the Individualized concentration to meet with their committee and have their concentration fully approved by the end of their sophomore year, or the end of a transfer student's second semester. The latest this concentration can be approved is by the midterm of the semester before a student graduates. If that deadline is missed, the student may need to change to the General Studies concentration or postpone their graduation to the next semester.

General Studies Concentration

The General Studies concentration provides a flexible bachelor's degree completion pathway for students who have faced obstacles to completing other UAF majors. This concentration is intended for students who have earned 90 or more credits. Students will work with an advisor to review the remaining degree requirements, develop a tentative timeline for degree completion, and complete any necessary paperwork to formally approve their graduation with the General Studies concentration. Students do not name their major if they do the General Studies concentration. Students may not have a double major if they are in the General Studies concentration of the Interdisciplinary Studies major.

Roadmaps

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Roadmaps provide suggested semester-by-semester study plans for programs and are based on full-time enrollment, unless otherwise specified.

- This roadmap should be used in conjunction with regular academic advising sessions. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor or mentor each semester.
- Certain courses and milestones must be completed in the specified semester to ensure on-time graduation.
- Transfer credits may affect the roadmap.
- Requirements, course availability, and sequencing may change.
- Courses marked with (*) are recommended.

Individualized Concentration

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ANTH F100X (*) ^{4,13}	3 ABUS F155, ECE F117, HLTH F116, HUMS F117, MATH F105, or TTCH F131 ^{10,16}	3-4
LS F101X ¹⁵	1 INDS F101 ²²	1

WRTG F111X ¹	3 MATH F230X (*) ⁶	3
Program Requirement	3 General Education Requirement - Communication ⁹	3
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16		16-17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Requirement - Communication ⁹	3 INDS F301 ²²	2
Program Requirement	3 General Education Requirement - Arts	3
Program Requirement	3 Program Requirement	3
Program Requirement	3 Program Requirement	3
Concentration Course	3 Concentration Course	3
15		14

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Requirement - Humanities	3 ENGL F314 ^{18,25}	3
General Education Requirement - Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	3 General Education Requirement - Social Sciences	3
General Education Requirement - Natural Sciences	4 General Education Requirement - Natural Sciences	4
Degree Requirement - Ethics ²⁵	3 Concentration Course ²⁵	3
Concentration Course ²⁵	3 Concentration Course ²⁵	3
16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
INDS F401 ^{20,25}	1 Concentration Course ²⁵	3
Degree Requirement - Alaska Native-themed	3 Concentration Course ²⁵	3
Concentration Course ²⁵	3 General Elective ²⁵	3
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General Elective ²⁵	2	
15		12

Total Credits 120-121

Footnote Definitions

General Education Requirements	Degree Requirements	Program & Other Requirements
1-Communication	8-Alaska Native-themed	20-Program Requirement
2-Arts	9-Communication	21-Capstone Requirement
3-Humanities	10-Computation	22-Concentration Course

4—Social Sciences	11—Ethics	23—General Elective
5—Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	12—Humanities	24—Minor Course
6—Mathematics	13—Human Relations	25—Upper Division
7—Natural Sciences	14—Humanities or Social Sciences	26—Program Elective
	15—Library & Information Research	
	16—Mathematics	
	17—Natural Sciences	
	18—Other	
	19—Social Sciences	

General Studies Concentration

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LS F101X ¹⁵	1 MATH F230X(*) ⁶	3
WRWG F111X ¹	3 General Education Requirement - Communication ⁹	3
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Learning Outcomes

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Program Learning Outcomes are specific, measurable statements that define the knowledge and skills students will gain by the end of the program.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate good oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrate good interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate good planning and time management skills
- Be prepared for employment above entry level in a field related to their degree
- Meet other learning objectives chosen in consultation with their advisory committee