A.A.S., INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Studies - Division of General Studies
Academic Advising Center
907-474-6396
http://www.uaf.edu/inds/

A.A.S. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 60 credits

The interdisciplinary program provides flexibility to students who have educational goals that do not fit into one of the established majors or minors offered by the university. Help with the undergraduate application process, contact information for faculty advisors and assistance for undergraduate interdisciplinary students is available at 907-474-6396 or http://www.uaf.edu/inds/.

Admissions Process for an Interdisciplinary Studies A.A.S

1. Contact the Academic Advising Center at 907-474-6396 or 888-823-8780 for materials, procedures and to make an appointment with an interdisciplinary studies advisor.

2. If you are not currently a UAF student or are attending as a nondegree student, you need to apply for admission to an Associate of Arts general program degree with the UAF Office of Admissions (https://www.uaf.edu/admissions/apply/). If you are currently active in an associate degree program at UAF, you do not need to reapply for admission and can skip this step.

3. Draft an interdisciplinary proposal which should include the following:
   • Your name and UA ID number
   • The degree type you are pursuing: A.A.S.
   • A proposed title of the interdisciplinary major
   • A description of your major. The description should include academic outcomes of the major, including skills and knowledge that will be gained. It can include information about how the major will prepare you for specific careers. In addition, it should explain how the proposed major differs from established UAF degree programs. Personal information can be included to explain why the proposed major is a good fit for you. You can also draft a list of courses that you would like to include in your major.
   • Note that an interdisciplinary major must include course work from more than one discipline, cannot be titled the same as an existing degree and must demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge skills.

4. Contact faculty (three minimum) to serve as your interdisciplinary committee. 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. You should arrange a committee meeting for all members to meet and discuss your proposal. At this meeting, the committee will review your interdisciplinary proposal and provide feedback to help you choose your title and proposed courses.

5. After receiving feedback and advice from your faculty committee, you will fill out an Interdisciplinary Studies Approval Form and attach the edited final draft of your interdisciplinary proposal. The form must be signed by you, each of your committee members and the dean of the Community and Technical College. The signed form and attached proposal are then sent to the interdisciplinary studies advisor, who will review the packet with the vice provost for final approval.

6. Once your interdisciplinary studies packet is approved, you will be notified by email 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 only with the approval of your faculty committee chair and submitted on a UAF Undergraduate Petition form and signed by all necessary parties. Petitions should be submitted to the Interdisciplinary Studies program advisor who will review the packet with the vice provost for final approval.

8. The approved title of your major will appear on the transcript and diploma when you graduate as “Interdisciplinary Studies: Your Title.'

More information can be found on the interdisciplinary studies website at https://www.uaf.edu/inds/

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See the Admission Requirements tab for more information on the approval process for the program requirements for the interdisciplinary studies major.

Note: Any changes to an approved interdisciplinary proposal need to be approved by the chair of your committee by petition and by the vice provost.