

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

MISSION STATEMENT

Eight majors are available to students in the BIS Degree Program.

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Applied Professional Studies prepares graduates with core competencies necessary for successful careers in for-profit business. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Applied Information Technology builds upon computer programming skills as core requirements, and augments such proficiencies with management of information technology and communication skills. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Criminal Justice prepares graduates for a variety of criminal justice careers, including traditional police, courts, and corrections jobs in the public sector and ever expanding opportunities in the private sector. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Cultural Studies is intended for graduates seeking success in careers that require multicultural sensitivity and bi-lingual ability. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Family Studies readies graduates for success in careers that try to strengthen families and encourage family stability in a rapidly changing social and economic environment. BIS in Hispanic Commerce integrates entrepreneurial, managerial, financial and communication skills, with an emphasis on multicultural understanding of business and commerce. BIS in Hospitality prepares students for a variety of rewarding careers in the growing hospitality industry. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Public & Non-Profit Administration prepares graduates for a variety of careers in local, state, and national government and a variety of not-for-profit organizations, like social service agencies, hospitals, schools, religious organizations, and philanthropic foundations.

GOALS

All eight majors strive for three broad educational goals for our graduates:

1. Demonstrated effectiveness in communication;
2. Problem solving ability from an integrated, multi-disciplinary perspective; and
3. Demonstrated knowledge and ability appropriate to their chosen interdisciplinary Major and Track.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Each of the three goals have specific student learning objectives.

Goal #1: Demonstrated effectiveness in communication.

Student Learning Objective #1: Student will display excellent writing skills.

Student Learning Objective #2: Student will display excellent verbal skills.

Student Learning Objective #3: Student will use appropriate technology to enhance their presentations.

Goal #2: Problem solving ability from an integrated, multi-disciplinary perspective.
Student Learning Objective #1: Student will be able to analyze a case study within their field of study and identify the relevant factors that are important to the problem.

Student Learning Objective #2: Student will be able to compile a set of alternatives to the problem addressed and outline the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative.

Student Learning Objective #3: **Student will be able to choose a course of action from the alternatives listed above and give a rationale as to why that course of action was chosen. An implementation plan will be included.**

Goal #4: Demonstrated knowledge and ability appropriate to their chosen interdisciplinary Major and Track.

Student Learning Objective #1: **Student will display competencies in each discipline included in they interdisciplinary Major and Track.**