To be adopted:

Proposed Major in Interdisciplinary Studies

**PRESENT:**

None

**PROPOSED:**

The requirements for the B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies are as follows:

1. Upper-division requirements (44-unit minimum). By the junior year (90 units) students must either select option 1 or 2:

   - **Option 1:** Select two areas of concentration from the list below. No overlap between the first and second concentration is allowed.

     **First Area of Concentration:** Minimum of 28 upper-division units. **Second Area of Concentration:** Minimum of 16 upper-division units.


   - **Option 2:** Communication Studies. Students must submit an approved course plan of eleven (11) upper-division courses reflecting a balanced mix of courses.
Lower-division pre-requisites:
ANTH 001, LING 020, CRWT 056, ENGL 033/FVC 033, MUS 006/ANTH 006, ART 006/FVC 006, WMST 020

1. ANTH 105/BSAD 105, ANTH 109/WMST 109, ANTH 113, ANTH 118, ANTH 120, ANTH 123, ANTH 127, ANTH 131, ANTH 132, ANTH 140E-Z, ANTH 149/WMST 149, ANTH 159, ANTH 162, ANTH 163, ANTH 165, ANTH 177/MUS 126/WMST 126

2. ART 131/FVC 131, ART 135/FVC 135, ART 139, ART 140, ART 145, ART 150/FVC 150, ART 155, ART 167, ART 168, ART 169 E-Z, ART 170/FVC 175, ART 175

3. AHS 182, AHS 186/FVC 186, AHS 187/FVC 187

4. CRWT 130, CRWT 132, CRWT 134, CRWT 151, CRWT 165, CRWT 176E-Z

5. ECON 111, ECON 116, ECON 117/PHIL 119, ECON 119, ECON 123/HISA 123, ECON 124, ECON 125, ECON 153/BSAD 153, ECON 181, ECON 182, ECON 185/LNST 185, ECON 187/LNST 187

6. All upper-division ENGL especially: ENGL 103, ENGL 143E-Z/FVC 143 E-Z, ENGL 144E-Z/FVC 144E-Z, ENGL 145E-Z/FVC 145E-Z, ENGL 146E-Z/FVC 146E-Z

7. All upper-division FVC courses

8. MUS 126/ANTH 177/WMST 126, MUS 140/HISA 139

9. PHIL 108/WMST 108, PHIL 111, PHIL 112, PHIL 116

10. POSC 146

11. PSYC 134, PSYC 135, PSYC 142, PSYC 148, PSYC 163, PSYC 165

12. SOC 120, SOC 121, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 133, SOC 134, SOC 139FVC 139, SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 143URST 143, SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 156, SOC 157, SOC 171, SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 181

13. THEA 109, THEA 110A, THEA 110B

14. WMST 100, WMST 101, WMST 102
JUSTIFICATION:

We are proposing to rename this office Interdisciplinary Programs. Students with majors handled by this office include Liberal Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Humanities/Social Sciences Individual Major, and Interdisciplinary Studies. Interdisciplinary Studies is new in name only although we have added some options and increased the upper-division unit requirement to bring the major more in line with others in the college. Students majoring in Liberal Studies will be primarily those who plan to enter the teaching profession in California. Students attracted to Liberal Studies but not planning to teach will select what we are now calling Interdisciplinary Studies.

We have renamed Biological Sciences to Health Professions to reflect the interest of our students. We have deleted Geography under Earth Science, Linguistics, Soil Sciences and Statistics for lack of student interest.

With the addition of two new faculty in the college, Toby Miller and Charles Whitney, we have added a Communications Studies option. Communication Studies invites students to pursue work in human communication and media studies from a wide variety of disciplines. Working closely with an academic adviser, students design a program focused on communication and the arts and humanities, social communication, or mass media. Sample programs might include work in the gendered nature of interpersonal communication, the political economy of film, the arts and public policy, film and indigenous peoples, science and environmental writing for multimedia production, or the history and impact of mass propaganda. Faculty and courses for the concentration are drawn from Anthropology, the Arts, Creative Writing, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, English, Film and Visual Culture, Psychology, Philosophy, Women's Studies and elsewhere.

Both Professors Miller and Whitney serve on the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, reviewed and approved the curriculum, and have agreed to participate as advisors since each student will have to have an individual program approved. This option should generate great interest among our students.

Liberal Studies is the major of choice in California for prospective elementary school teachers. By keeping Liberal Studies exclusively as a program for teacher preparation, it will be easily recognized by prospective students as the major of choice.

Approved by the Liberal Studies Committee: 11/05/04
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