

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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## B.A., B.S., B.T. Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 130 credits

The UAF interdisciplinary program provides flexibility to students who have well-defined goals that do not fit into one of the established majors offered by the university. Two tracks are available for students. First, programs with well-defined interdisciplinary goals that do not fit into established majors, and second, a general studies degree completion option. The program, with well-defined goals, is available to undergraduate and graduate students (see page <?> for graduate information). Interdisciplinary studies, both graduate and undergraduate programs, are administered by the Graduate School office. Help with the application process, contact information for faculty advisors and assistance for interdisciplinary students is available at 907-474-7716 or see [www.uaf.edu/gradsch/classes/interdisciplinary-program/](http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/classes/interdisciplinary-program/).

## Interdisciplinary Goals Option

Students may submit a proposal for an interdisciplinary program after completing 15 credits at UAF as long as they have at least 30 credits remaining in the proposed degree program. The proposed curriculum must differ significantly from established degree programs at UAF and will require evidence that the necessary facilities and faculty are available to ensure an approximation of a normal undergraduate degree. All general requirements for the B.A., B.S. or B.T. degree must be met.

In developing an interdisciplinary proposal, the student should specify the degree (B.A., B.S. or B.T.), include an explanation of how the proposed program differs substantially from established UAF programs, and include a discussion showing that current UAF resources are adequate to meet the requirements of the proposed program. (A minimum of two disciplines is required for the interdisciplinary degree.) The student then obtains an advisory committee of at least three faculty members from the appropriate disciplines and holds at least one formal meeting with the full committee to review the proposal. The committee will appoint a chair, review the proposed program, select a degree title in concert with the student and make its recommendation. Applicants then submit the proposal for the program they wish to pursue to the Dean of the Graduate School, specifying the degree, proposed curriculum work sheet and rationale. The degree is awarded through the school or college of the chair of the committee, subject to approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Students interested in pursuing an undergraduate interdisciplinary degree can contact the Office of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs for help in finding faculty advisors and developing their curriculum proposal.

## General Studies Degree Completion Option (may not be used as a double major)

Students may not declare this major until they have accumulated at least 100 credits.

## B.A., B.S. or B.T. degree

1. Contact the UAF Office of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs for materials and procedures. Prepare and submit a rationale/justification letter.
2. Three faculty members serving in the Academic Advising Center or at Rural Campuses will serve as the degree completion interdisciplinary studies committee.
3. Prepare rationale/justification letter explaining the need for the degree completion program.
4. Conduct committee meeting to finalize degree proposal.
5. Submit to the dean of the Graduate School for final approval.
6. Complete all the requirements for the baccalaureate program including
  - a. Completing the Core curriculum
  - b. Completing the residency requirement
  - c. Completing 39 upper-division credits
  - d. Completing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test. This test should be completed when Core requirements are satisfied but may be taken the last semester in the program.
7. Minimum credits required .....130

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

## Baccalaureate Core Requirements

(Note: all courses for Core must be completed with C- or higher.)

### COMMUNICATION (9)

**Complete the following:**

ENGL F111X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
*ENGL F190H may be substituted.*

**Complete one of the following:**

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete one of the following:**

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

**Complete all of the following four courses:**

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ECON F100X OR PS F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIST F100X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENGL/FL F200X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete one of the following three courses:**

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X .... (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete one of the following six courses:**

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,  
 PS F300X OR PHIL F322X .....(3) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS**

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language **OR**
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

### MATHEMATICS (3)

**Complete one of the following:**

MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR  
 STAT F200X .....(3 – 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
*\* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.*

**OR complete one of the following:\***

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,  
 MATH F262X OR MATH F272X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.*

### NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

**Complete any two (4-credit) courses:**

ATM F101X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F100X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F112X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F115X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIOL F116X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHEM F100X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHEM F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHEM F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHEM F105X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHEM F106X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOG F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOS F100X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOS F101X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOS F112X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOS F120X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 GEOS F125X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MSL F111X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F102X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F103X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F104X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F115X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F116X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F175X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F211X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F212X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYS F213X .....(4) \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR  
 LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing.....(0 – 1) \_\_\_\_\_

### UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

**Complete the following:**

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) .....(0) \_\_\_\_\_  
 and one oral communication intensive course  
 designated (O).....(0) \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** two oral communication intensive courses designated  
 (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major  
 requirements).....(0) \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE CREDITS REQUIRED ..... 38 – 39**

**Minimum credits required for degree ..... 120**



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