

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #187 on December 3, 2012:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve a new minor in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Effective: Spring 2013 *

Rationale: See the program proposal #90-UNP on file in the Governance Office, 312B Signers' Hall.

Overview:

The Interdisciplinary Minor is intended to add breadth to baccalaureate programs. It provides flexibility to students who have well-defined goals that do not fit into one of the established minors offered by the university. In addition, many students, especially military students, arrive at UAF with substantial transfer credits in fields where UAF does not have a minor. For example, a service member who has completed medic training transfers in a substantial number of credits; however, many of these credits do not transfer in as UAF's Allied Health courses for several reasons. Creation of this minor would allow such students to complete their programs more quickly by recognizing a body of knowledge and skills they have fulfilled at other institutions.

Proposed Minor Requirements:

Interdisciplinary Minor

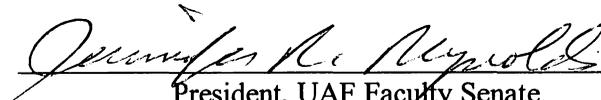
1. Contact the Academic Advising Center at 907-474-6396 or 1-888-823-8780 for materials and procedures.
2. Prepare and submit a draft declaration of interdisciplinary minor form and submit it electronically to the Academic Advising Center at uaf.advising@alaska.edu or in person at 509 Gruening Building. This form asks the student to provide a title for their minor, briefly describe the body of knowledge and skills intended to fulfill the minor, including courses specifying the knowledge and skills relevant to the minor title (for example, Food Science minor including relevant coursework from transfer credits in Food Science from a regionally accredited university, as well as credits from chemistry, fisheries or natural resources management, and biological sciences). An interdisciplinary minor cannot be titled the same as an existing minor and must demonstrate a cohesive body of knowledge and skills. The approved title will appear on the student's transcript.

3. Three faculty proposed by the student and approved by the Dean of General Studies will serve as the interdisciplinary minor committee. This committee will ensure that an appropriate and cohesive body of knowledge and skills is addressed in the planned minor, ensure that the interdisciplinary minor does not overlap with an existing minor, and discuss alternatives with the student as needed. This committee and the Dean of General Studies must approve the draft declaration of minor for it to become effective.
4. Minimum credits required – 18 credits

*Student must earn a grade of C or better in each course.

Relationship to the Purposes of the University:

Creation of the interdisciplinary minor will allow the university to be responsive to demand. For example, sustainability, climate change, biotechnology, indigenous studies, or other developing emphasis areas could become minors initially through the interdisciplinary program, and, with sufficient demand, could be adopted as specific minors.



 President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

 Chancellor's Office

DATE: 12/4/12

DISAPPROVED: _____
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DATE: _____