INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
A variety of subjects are best examined by combining the instructional perspectives and resources of more than one academic unit. The office administering, guiding, reviewing and monitoring the interdisciplinary efforts, when they cross College or Divisional lines, is that of the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Offerings are listed under the heading Interdisciplinary (ID) in the Class Schedule. Questions pertaining to the establishment and “equivalency” of courses should be directed to the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

ID 010. Exploring Elementary Teaching. Discussion of general subject matter preparation for students who wish to enter a multiple subject teaching credential program and become elementary school teachers. Examination of issues and concerns of interest to elementary teachers. Invited speakers will inform and challenge students’ commitment to and appreciation for teaching as a career. Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in Elementary Education Learning Community partner. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1 unit.

ID 021. Higher Education and Individual Development. Examine the influence of higher education on the student’s developmental processes. The course, functionally an undergraduate seminar, is open to all students and is particularly valuable to students new to the University. Students will examine their position in the educational process, understand the history and traditions of higher education, and explore their educational personal and career decision processes. Note: Not open to students who are enrolled in or have completed LS 070A, ETHN 094, ENGR 060, or OBE 009. Prerequisite: Eligible for ENGL 001A or a minimum score of 142 on EPT. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

ID 111. Science in the Elementary Schools. Students will be introduced to science standards, science materials and teaching approaches, and elementary school settings. They will assist and evaluate science activities with elementary school students. Through experience, discussion and reflection they will develop an understanding of what knowledge, skills and approaches will allow them to function successfully as elementary school teachers. Prerequisite: BIO 005 and PHYS 007 or consent of instructor. Graded Credit/No Credit. 2 units.

ID 151. The Sacramento Region: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges. Enhance student knowledge of the Sacramento region’s distinguishing features, the issues it faces, and the policies and action plans designed to address those issues. The region’s history and characteristics will be reviewed, including demographics, government structures, environmental quality, economy, and social and cultural life. This review will provide a context for examining the region’s response to critical issues, e.g., transportation, air quality, land use, housing, employment, and education. 3 units.

ID 194. Experiential Learning. Re-entry students may earn 1-6 units by documenting their interdisciplinary life/work experiences that meet the objectives of upper division university coursework for an appropriate faculty member to evaluate. Approval of credit is granted by the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Students must attend a workshop scheduled through the Academic Advising Center during the semester prior to registering for the course. Credit must be awarded prior to applying for graduation. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

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ID 195. **Field Experience.** Supervised work experience of an interdisciplinary nature in an approved business, education, government or service agency. Students are required to engage in a minimum of three hours of supervised work per week for each semester unit of credit granted. May be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

ID 196. **Experimental Offerings in Interdisciplinary Studies.** To be offered upon expression of student needs and faculty availability. Involves two or more of the major academic administrative units of the college. 1-3 units.

ID 197. **Training & Leadership for Orientation Leaders.** Introduce participants to concepts in peer advising and orientation at CSU, Sacramento. Students will learn about the philosophy and purpose of orientation, academic policies, student services and campus facilities. Class activities are planned to help develop the leadership, interpersonal and communication skills necessary to be an effective peer adviser and campus representative. May be repeated for credit up to 6 units. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

ID 198. **Co-Curricular Activities.** Students may receive elective credit up to 6 units per semester for a total of 12 units for engaging in co-curricular activities such as Student Association offices, committees of the Faculty Senate, EOP advising and tutoring and other activities of a comparable nature. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

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**GRADUATE COURSES**

ID 200. **Interdisciplinary Reading Seminar.** Readings in selected interdisciplinary topics. May be taken twice for credit. 1-6 units.

ID 201. **Interdisciplinary Research Seminar.** Research in selected interdisciplinary topics. May be taken twice for credit. 1-6 units.

ID 296. **Experimental Offerings in Interdisciplinary Studies.** To be offered upon expression of student needs and faculty availability. Involves two or more of the major academic administrative units of the university. 1-3 units.

ID 299. **Special Problems.** Individual projects or directed reading. Generally involves two or more of the major academic administrative units of the university. **Note:** Open only to students competent to carry on individual work; admission requires the approval of the faculty member under whom the individual work is to be conducted and of the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. 1-4 units.

ID 500. **Culminating Experience.** Credit given upon successful completion of the Thesis or Project. **Note:** Open only to graduate students advanced to candidacy for the Special Major Master’s degree. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.