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 combined efforts, when they cross School or Divisional lines, is that of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Offerings qualifying for inter School/Divisional sponsorship are listed under the heading Interdisciplinary (ID). Questions pertaining to the establishment and “equivalency” of courses should be directed to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. For information contact: Office of Academic Affairs, SAC-226, 278-5933.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

21. Higher Education and Individual Development. This course will 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 70A, ETHN 94, ENGR 60, or OBE 9. Prerequisite: Eligible for ENGL 1A or a minimum score of 142 on EPT. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

96. Experimental Offerings in Interdisciplinary Studies. To be offered upon expression of student needs and faculty availability. Generally will involve two or more of the major academic administrative units of the college. 1-3 units.

99. Special Problems. Individualized directed projects or reading. Open to lower division students who present an adequately supervised plan of study. The course study should be interdisciplinary in nature and requires the approval of the faculty member under whom the individual work is to be conducted and of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. 1-4 units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

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 Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. 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.

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 seven units. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-7 units.

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.

198. Co-curricular Activities. Students may receive elective credit up to six 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.

199. Special Problems. Individual projects or directed reading. Open only to students who appear competent to carry on individual work. Generally will involve two or more of the major academic administrative units of the university. Admission requires the approval of the faculty member under whom the individual work is to be conducted and of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. 1-6 units.

GRADUATE COURSES

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

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

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 college. 1-3 units.

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 Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. 1-4 units.

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.