UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAMS

An interdisciplinary studies program is a series of courses focused upon a particular problem or area of concern providing insight from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The program includes a core of required courses, with some selectivity, and also a wide choice of supporting courses.

Completion of the requirements for an interdisciplinary studies program does not lead to a degree. Credits earned in interdisciplinary studies programs can be used in meeting the requirements for a degree. Courses are noted on the student’s academic record (transcript). Completion of the interdisciplinary studies program is noted on the student’s academic record (transcript) but not on the diploma.

Undergraduate

Interdisciplinary Minors are composed of a sequence of related courses, which provide a student with unique opportunities to complement the major and are only offered at the undergraduate level. A minimum of 21 credits is required for an interdisciplinary minor. A minimum of 12 of the 21 credits must be course work at the upper-division level (300-400).

Interdisciplinary Minors
  • Arabic Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Biomedical Engineering Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Conservation Biology Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Energy Engineering Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Environmental Affairs Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Film Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Food Industry Management Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Food Science/Safety Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Gerontology Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Global Environmental Sustainability Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Information Science and Technology Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Integrated Resource Management Interdisciplinary Minor
  • International Development Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Italian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Latin American and Caribbean Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Leadership Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Legal Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Linguistics and Culture Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Molecular Biology Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Music, Stage, and Sports Production Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Organic Agriculture Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Political Communication Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Religious Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Role of Sustainability in Peace and Reconciliation Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Russian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Sports Management Interdisciplinary Minor
  • Sustainable Energy Interdisciplinary Minor

Graduate

A Graduate Certificate is used to identify the successful completion of a focused area of study deemed important to a student’s career objectives. A Graduate Certificate consists of a minimum of 9 specified credits, and not more than 15 credits at the 500 level or above.

CSU offers interdisciplinary degree programs at the graduate level (listed below). Interdisciplinary degree programs include a series of courses from a variety of academic disciplines. The result of completing an interdisciplinary degree program is a graduate degree. See individual programs below for more details.

Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Programs (GISPs) are composed of a series of courses focused on a particular problem or area of concern providing multi-disciplinary perspectives. No minimum number of credits is specified at the graduate level. Completion of the requirements for an interdisciplinary studies program does not lead to a degree. Credits earned in interdisciplinary studies programs can be used in meeting the requirements for a degree. Courses are noted on the student’s academic record (transcript). Completion of the interdisciplinary studies program is noted on the student’s academic record (transcript) but not on the diploma.

Certificates
  • Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Agriculture
  • Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Natural Resources
  • Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Water Resources

Degrees

Master’s Programs
  • Master of Public Health
  • Master of Science in Bioengineering
  • Master of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology, Plan A*
  • Master of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology, Plan B*
  • Master of Science in Ecology, Plan A
  • Master of Science in Ecology, Plan B
  • Master of Science in Ecology, Ecological Risk Assessment and Management Specialization*
  • Master of Science in Ecology, Human-Environment Interaction Specialization
  • Master in Arts Leadership and Cultural Management, Plan C

Ph.D. Programs
  • Ph.D. in Bioengineering
  • Ph.D in Cell and Molecular Biology*
  • Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology, Cancer Biology Specialization
  • Ph.D. in Ecology
  • Ph.D. in Ecology, Ecological Risk Assessment and Management Specialization*
  • Ph.D. in Ecology, Human-Environment Interaction Specialization*
Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Programs

- Extreme Ultraviolet and Optical Science and Technology Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Food Science/Safety Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- International Development Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Mathematics Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Neurosciences Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Political Economy Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Resilience of Social Ecological Systems Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Sustainable Peace and Reconciliation Studies Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Systems Engineering Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Women’s Study Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies Program (This program is being discontinued effective Spring 2018. No new students are being accepted. Students interested in this area of study should contact the Director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research (http://womensstudies.colostate.edu) for more information regarding a new graduate certificate in Gender, Power and Difference.)

* Please see department for program of study.