Interdisciplinary Studies,  
B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S

1. Self Study

Interdisciplinary Studies, formerly called Special Majors, consists of the following four degrees, B.A., B.S., M.A., and M.S. During the past year, the Interdisciplinary Studies program met its goals by providing the opportunity for students to design a specialized program of study to meet academic needs that were not possible to meet within the regular curricular degree offerings. Students pursuing a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies must combine course offering from at least two different departments. The student’s individualized program of study must be approved by a committee of three faculty members. There are currently 21 students pursuing an Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

Since Interdisciplinary Studies are individualized programs of study there are no content program-level learning outcomes. However, the assessment plan developed for Interdisciplinary Studies states that every student should have three to five individualized learning outcomes defined as part of the student’s program proposal. The outcomes need to have measurable indicators of achievement. The means of assessing the learning outcomes can take various forms (examinations, research papers, oral presentations, portfolios, supervisor evaluations, documentation of service learning, etc.). The means and opportunities for assessment, and the rubrics used to evaluate performance, should be chosen or agreed to by the student and the supervising faculty at the outset of the program of study.

2. Summary of Assessment Results

All students who proposed an Interdisciplinary Studies major had to prepare a prospectus in which they stated the intended academic purpose of their specialized program of study. Beginning in Fall Quarter 2007, they also had to submit 3 to 4 proposed learning objectives. (See page 3 of attachment). This prospectus and the student learning objectives were reviewed by the AVP of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies and by the three member faculty committee formed for the individual Interdisciplinary Studies major. The AVP and the faculty check each student prospectus for the purpose of the major, the learning objectives proposed, and the interdisciplinary nature of the course work. The AVP and the faculty member had to sign off on the proposed course of study. Students cannot continue to pursue an Interdisciplinary Studies major without these signatures.

All graduate level Interdisciplinary Studies majors must include a capstone requirement such as a Thesis, Project, or Comprehensive Examination.
3. Institutional Data

   Academic Year: 09/10 (SFWSp)

   Number of graduates: 5

   Number of majors: 21

   Gender:  
   Female 13
   Male 8

   Interdisciplinary Studies is not a department hence it has no faculty or courses of its own. Students enroll in courses already offered by academic departments.
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UNDERGRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR PROPOSAL FORM

(to be completed by the student’s Interdisciplinary Studies Committee Chair after program has been finalized by the student and his/her committee)

Student Name ______________________________________ Net ID ______________________________

Signature _______________________________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________

City                    Zip Code

Phone Number(s) Home (   ) ______________________________

Work (   ) ______________________________

Horizon E-Mail _____________________________@horizon.csueastbay.edu

TITLE OF MAJOR: ____________________________________________________  B.A. or B.S. ______

Career Objective:_______________________________________________________________

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENTS

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ADMISSION CRITERIA: CSUEB grade point average ____________________________ (2.30 minimum)

All college g.p.a. ____________________________ (2.30 minimum)

Units remaining for degree _______________________ (60 minimum)

Units remaining in major ________________________ (40 minimum)

Prospectus reviewed ____________________________ (yes or no)

Transcripts reviewed ____________________________ (yes or no)

No major courses used in G.E._________________________ (check if not)

DIRECTIONS: In completing the attached program proposal please:

a) List departments in alphabetical order in both lower and upper division sections.

b) Within each department listing, put courses in numerical order in both lower and upper division sections.

c) Prerequisite courses which have been taken or must be taken must be included in the major.

d) If electives are included, please clearly bracket them, indicate in the left margin how many courses are to be taken, and include in the units column only the number of units to be applied to the major (not the unit values of all the elective courses).

e) Convert any semester units to quarter units by multiplying by 1.5.
LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

B.A. or B.S.: ______

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TOTAL UNITS (Lower & Upper Division) ______

For Planning and Enrollment Management Use Only: Major Grade Point Average ________
LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT

The following 3-4 learning outcomes were agreed upon by the student and his/her Interdisciplinary Studies Major committee members (i.e. with the completion of this Interdisciplinary Studies Major, the student should be able to know, do, value . . . ):

1) 

2) 

3) 

4)
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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENTS

Faculty Names       Faculty Signatures       Department
Sponsoring Department
Chair _________________________     _________________________     _______________________
Committee Chair _________________________     _________________________     _______________________

ADMISSION CRITERIA:  Undergraduate and
Postbaccalaureate GPA _________________________ (3.00 minimum)
Units remaining for degree _________________________ (32 minimum)
Prospectus reviewed _________________________ (yes or no)
Transcripts reviewed _________________________ (yes or no)
Conditionally Classified _________________________ (list one)
or Classified

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d) Convert any semester units to quarter units by multiplying by 1.5.
e) A University Thesis (6910), Departmental Thesis (6909), Project (6899), or comprehensive exam must be included.
Conditions for Attaining classified Status. (May include courses, grades, examinations.)
This section is only to be completed if student is admitted Conditionally Classified status. Courses listed here may be applied to the program below.

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Grade Point Average of _______ in first _______ units.
Satisfy University Writing Skills Requirement _______.

**GRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR PROGRAM**

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Total Units ________
Graduate (6000-level) units ________

OTHER REQUIREMENTS, IF ANY (e.g. comprehensive exam) ____________________________

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