



**CAL POLY**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
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# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Are you interested in big issues? Issues that seem to defy the bounds of one discipline? Do you want to design a major to investigate these wicked problems and graduate in a timely manner? The Interdisciplinary Studies degree is designed to provide you with a flexible framework, rigorous coursework, and tailored advising that will allow you to focus your studies on the issues, problems and skills that you are passionate about.



## Major and Minors

### Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)

The essential skills cultivated by your degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, such as critical and creative thinking, effective oral and written communication, empathy and compassion, and the ability to be life-long learners are crucial in all sectors of the U.S. economy. Liberal Arts skills are forecasted to dominate the knowledge categories in greatest demand by U.S. employers by the year 2030. In part because as workplaces continue to automate routine tasks, the workplace will increasingly demand individuals with skills in holistic, big-picture thinking; skills in creativity and agility; and knowledge of cultural contexts of complex social systems.

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree is uniquely able to provide you with these skills to prepare you for your career or for graduate school.

### Concentrations

- Ethics, Law and Social Justice
- Global Citizenship and Social Sustainability
- Health and Society
- Science, Technology and Society
- Visual Media and Cultural Studies

### Minors

- Ethics, Public Policy, Science and Technology (EPPST)
- Gender, Race, Culture, Science and Technology (GRCST)
- Media Arts, Society and Technology (MAST)
- Science and Risk Communication (SRC)

#### Business

- Negotiator
- Investor/manager
- Client liaison
- Fundraising

#### Education

- Teacher/professor
- Curriculum designer
- Administration and support services
- Counseling

#### Government

- Leadership role
- Elected official
- Policy maker
- Nongovernmental international organizer/worker

#### Human Services

- Social work
- Counseling
- Case management
- Mental health services
- Advocacy
- Programming Law

- Immigration, civil rights, criminal, international, environmental, property, family
- Mediation
- Lobbying
- Law assistance
- Community activist/advocate

#### Medicine/Health Care

- Public Health planner/advocate
- Hospital liaison

#### Media, Technology and the Arts

- Journalist/artist/writer/musician/actor
- Graphic designer/advertising
- Editor

#### Science

- Researcher
- On-site field specialist
- Biologist/chemist/physicist/naturalist/environmentalist
- Fundraising

## Where can this major take me?

