

Continuing Education

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Interdisciplinary Studies – BA
 Disaster Management/Homeland Security – Minor
 Organizational Leadership – Certificate

Continuing Education (CE) advances the academic and public service mission of Cal Poly beyond the traditional undergraduate and graduate college experience. Its goal is to increase access to the intellectual resources of the University by developing and offering a wide range of innovative lifelong learning opportunities to the citizens of California and the nation. Educational programs are offered in a variety of learning formats including classroom instruction, distance learning, and client centered services both on- and off-campus.

Information on programs and current offerings is listed in the Continuing Education catalog, which is published four times a year, and at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

Degrees and Credit Classes

Open University. This option enables adequately prepared members of the community to enroll in regular Cal Poly courses on a space available basis. Open University is a *non-degree* registration option. Limits as to the number of credits earned through Open University may apply when seeking admission to a degree program. Enrollment forms and guidelines for registering may be obtained from CE two weeks prior to the beginning of each quarter.

Other Degrees. The following programs are offered in cooperation with the Orfalea College of Business: MS in Accounting with Specialization in Taxation, MS in Accounting with Specialization in Financial Accounting; and MS Business and Technology.

The MS in Fire Protection Engineering is offered in cooperation with the College of Engineering.

Professional Advancement

For those desiring to upgrade their skills or knowledge, CE offers a wide range of educational opportunities ranging from complete certificate programs to one-day seminars. Certificate programs are offered in Microsoft certifications, supervision, technical communications and the wine industry. New certificates are being planned; updated information is available on CE's web site.

Distance Learning. Challenges of time and distance often make it impractical for individuals to travel to campus for classroom-based education opportunities. To address this problem, CE offers many programs in a distance learning format. These programs cover a wide range of subjects including applied technology, graphic communications, business, medical office training, teacher training and math preparation. They are offered in varied formats from CDs to internet-based instruction. A complete listing of programs and courses is available at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

Corporate and Organizational Training. CE will customize training to meet the specific needs of a business, corporation, or organization. This process starts with a needs assessment and continues through design, implementation and evaluation. Past clients include PG&E, the State of California, and the CA Forest Service.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY MINOR

The program is a multidisciplinary cooperative effort between the Natural Resource Management Department, Continuing Education, California Emergency Management Agency, and the California State Fire Marshal's Office. It includes a broad understanding of the nature, impact and recovery methods of natural and human caused disasters on the wildland and built environments.

The program includes courses in policy, planning and operational components of disaster management and homeland security, including opportunities to gain practical experience and work with current incident management technologies. The minor prepares students from various majors whose careers will be related to disaster management and homeland security.

Required courses

CRP 458 Local Hazard Mitigation Plng/Design	4
NR 455 Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Protection	3
DMHS/NR/CRP 351 Intro to Emergency Management in California	3
DMHS/NR 353 Intro to Crisis Communications and the Media	3
DMHS/NR/CRP 401 Disaster Recovery	3
UNIV 339 Disaster-Resistant Sustainable Communities (Area F)	4

Approved electives

Select from the following courses:

CRP 212; NR 312 (Area F), 418;
 DMHS/NR 352, 405, DMHS/FNR/CRP 466

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Interdisciplinary Studies

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www.adultdegreeprogram.calpoly.edu

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Interdisciplinary Studies – BA

NOTE: The Adult Degree Program (ADP), which offers the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, is presently not accepting applications.

The curriculum consists of three major parts: interdisciplinary studies courses; major courses from other academic departments; and 12 units of upper-division General Education courses. Students must complete a total of at least 180 units, of which a minimum of 50 upper-division units must be taken through the Adult Degree Program at Cal Poly.

University Requirements

Students must meet the general graduation requirements as described on page 34 of the catalog, including the Graduation Writing Requirement, U. S. Cultural Pluralism requirement, 2.0 GPA, and academic residence requirements.

Credit for Prior College-Level Learning

Students in the Adult Degree Program can earn academic credit toward their degrees for college-level learning acquired outside a traditional college classroom. Earning academic credit for prior college-level learning can reduce a student's time to degree completion. Students can receive Cal Poly academic credit for training or educational programs that they completed and that are included in the American Council on Education's:

- Educational Credits and Credentials' Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, and/or
- National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs.

Credit can also be awarded for successful completion of subject examinations through the:

- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the
- University's challenge examination program.

In addition, ADP students can complete a Prior College-level Learning Portfolio. Portfolios must be completed and submitted within one year of being admitted to the ADP. For complete information and guidelines on obtaining academic credit through any of the above, students should consult with the ADP Coordinator and/or the Prior College-level Learning Student Handbook.

BA INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

- ☐ 60 units upper division ☐ GWR
☐ 2.0 GPA ☐ USCP

Major Courses *Note: Major courses may not be taken as credit/no credit*

IS 101 Interdisciplinary Studies	4
IS 301 Critical Issues Seminar.....	4,4
IS 302 Analytical Skills Seminar.....	4
IS 450 Adv. Investigation Seminar.....	4
IS 460 Capstone Project	4
Select one course from each of the following eight areas (at least seven courses must be upper division):	32
<i>Applied technology (4); Business (4);</i>	
<i>Communications/English (4); Ethnic studies/US</i>	
<i>Cultural Pluralism (4); Fine and performing arts (4);</i>	
<i>Philosophy/religion (4); Science or nutrition (4);</i>	
<i>Social science (4)</i>	
Five additional courses approved for use in the Adult Degree Program	22
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Upper-Division General Education Courses

→See page 39 for complete GE course listing.

Arts and humanities (C4)	4
Society/Individual (D5)	4
Technology (Area F)	4
	12

Transferred Units	90
	180