

Interdisciplinary Studies Option

What is the Interdisciplinary Studies Option?

The Interdisciplinary Studies Option provides students with a rich educational experience across a broad range of academic disciplines. Students take courses in the language arts, natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. They also complete a specialization track that will enhance their future educational and career goals. Program requirements will develop the student’s communication, analytical, and problem solving skills. Students in this major can advance professionally by earning a BA degree. Students may also pursue a graduate program in a variety of fields.

What are my career options?

Your Liberal Studies degree signifies to others that you are a capable well-rounded individual who can accomplish complex tasks and communicate well with others.

Many employers are looking for individuals who possess certain skill sets instead of a degree in a particular area. Communication, writing, critical thinking, and computer skills are among these skill sets. Ability to work in a team and independently is also important to employers.

The following is a small sampling of careers for Liberal Studies graduates. Some may require additional degrees or certifications.

Accountant	Entrepreneur	Non-Profit/Charity Organizer
Advertising Account Executive	Financial Consultant	Project Management
Auditor	Government Worker	Psychologist/Social Worker
Banker	Human Resource	Public Relations
Business/Marketing Specialist	Industrial Designer	Real Estate Sales/Brokerage
Claims Examiner	Interpreter/Translator	Recreation Administrator
Communications Specialist	Librarian	Speech Pathologist
Educator/College Instructor	Lawyer/Paralegal	Systems Analyst
Employee Relations	Management Consultant	Tax Consultant
Engineering Planner	Military Officer	Urban Planner
Entertainment Industry Agent	Museum Curator	Writer/Journalist

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A Strong

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For

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How can the Specialization requirement help me with my career goals?

Interdisciplinary Studies Option students are required to complete a specialization track. They have five main choices; Humanities, Human Rights, Sustainability, Russian Studies, and China Studies. Also, for students who would like to create their own area of study, an interdisciplinary specialization track is available. This aspect of the major provides students with a great opportunity to complete courses that will enhance their future employment opportunities.

The possibilities are endless. The Liberal Studies advisors along with the Career Center counselors can guide you to find the right combination of career and academic preparation so that you can achieve your career goals.

How can I prepare for a successful job search?

- Work closely with a counselor at the Career Center to define your job interests.
- Evaluate your strengths and interests and determine how they fit into what employers need.
- Obtain part-time, summer internship, or volunteer experience in an area that interests you.
- Participate in co-curricular activities and develop your leadership skills by organizing an event or project.
- Join professional organizations.
- Network through formal and informal contacts.
- Be flexible. Many people begin in entry level positions in order to gain experience and network.

Career Resources

CSUN Career Center (including jobs and internships) www.csun.edu/career

Occupational Information online.onetcenter.org

US Dept of Justice jobs www.justice.gov

Federal Government Jobs www.usajobs.gov

State of CA Jobs www.ca.gov/Work/JobOpps/index.html

