

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, MA

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## Program Requirements

The selection of courses as outlined in the approved Plan of Study will be guided by the nature of the interdisciplinary program in consultation with the three-member Program Committee. Students will be expected to meet all prerequisites for courses in their approved Plan of Study, prior to registering for the courses. No more than 9 semester units of post-baccalaureate course work, taken prior to the approval of the Plan of Study, can be applied towards the requirements for the MA in Interdisciplinary Studies.

1. Completion of the Plan of Study, which must include a minimum of 30 semester units of course work, of which at least 24 semester units must be graduate courses (courses numbered 5000 or 6000). Courses numbered 4000 may apply to the Plan of Study (6 semester units maximum) with approval of the Program Committee. The granting of graduate credit for such 4000-level coursework requires the submission of a "Petition for Graduate Credit" for each course.
2. Maintenance of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in coursework applied to the Plan of Study. Courses with a grade less than a B (3.0) will not be accepted.
3. Completion of an Interdisciplinary thesis or a project that appropriately reflects the nature of the Plan of Study. Students will elect either the thesis or the project track on the basis of appropriateness to the objectives for the interdisciplinary program and upon approval of the Program Committee.

Graduate students conducting research involving information from human subjects either through direct measurement of behavior or from secondary sources (existing databases) must have their research protocol reviewed and approved by the CSUB Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research (<https://www.csub.edu/grasp/Research%20Compliance/IRB/index.html> (<https://www.csub.edu/grasp/Research%20Compliance/IRB/>)). Prior approval by the CSUB Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is also required for animal research.

Students must complete all degree requirements including thesis or special project within seven years of starting the program. Students who fail to complete their degree program within the seven-year limit may petition the Program Committee, with approval from the Program Chair and Program Director, to permit the revalidation of outdated courses.