

Cañada College

Associate in Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with Areas of Emphasis

The Interdisciplinary Studies major is designed for students pursuing broad areas of study and exploration in any of the areas of emphasis described below. Option 1 enables students to complete the requirements for the Associates Degree, while option 2 enables students to complete the requirements for the Associates degree and transfer admission requirements to the California State University, University of California, or private and out-of-state universities.

Important: Completion of the CSU or UC patterns does not guarantee admission to any of these institutions. **Consult with a counselor for further information.**

Option 1: Cañada College Pattern.

Provides an opportunity to earn an Associate in Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, which covers a broad area of study and is intended for students who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university. (replaces former Liberal Arts major)

- A. Complete Basic Competencies, including 2 units of physical activity, and Specific Areas (A, B, C, D, E) of the General Education requirements for the AA/AS degree (23 units)
- B. Complete 18 units in one of the following Areas of Emphasis
 - 1) Arts and Humanities
 - 2) Natural Science and Mathematics
 - 3) Social and Behavioral Sciences
- C. Select 19 degree-applicable units **in consultation with a counselor** to fulfill lower-division preparation and/or electives and complete the required 60 transferable and degree-applicable units for an Associate Degree.

Option 2: Transfer Pattern: California State University, University of California, or private and out-of-state university.

Intended for students who are planning to transfer to a four-year university. Courses should be chosen carefully **in consultation with a counselor**. (replaces former University Studies major)

- A. Choose a General Education Pattern
 - Complete 39 units of the **CSU GE requirements** (a C or better grade is required in Areas A1, A2, A3 and B4)
- OR**
- Complete 37 units of the **Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)** for UC or CSU (all courses must be completed with a C or better grade)
- B. Complete 18 units from one of the following Areas of Emphasis:
 - 1) Arts and Humanities
 - 2) Natural Science and Mathematics
 - 3) Social and Behavioral Sciences
- C. Remaining 3 to 5 units should be **chosen in consultation with a counselor** to fulfill Associate Degree competency and specific area requirements and lower-division preparation and/or electives for a total of 60 transferable, degree-applicable units for an Associate Degree.

I. Introductory Science Courses: (9 units)

1. Biology: a student may choose up to 2 of the following courses to meet this requirement
BIOL 110*, 130, 310
2. Chemistry: a student may choose 1 of the following courses to meet this requirement
CHEM 192*, 210*, 410*
3. Physics: a student may choose 1 of the following courses to meet this requirement
PHYS 210*, 250*
4. Other sciences: a student may choose up to 3 of the following courses to meet this requirement
ANTH 125 **ASTR** 100 & 101# **ENGR** 100* **GEOG** 100
GEOL 100* **HSCI** 100 **NSCI** 100 **OCEN** 100 & 101#

II. Mathematics Competency: (3 units)

MATH 125, 130, 140, 200, 219, 241, 251

III. Advanced Courses: (6 units)

BIOL 225*, 230*, 240*, 250*, 260* **CHEM** 220*, 234 & 237#
MATH 242, 252, 253 **PHYS** 220*, 260*, 270*

3. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The social sciences are a cluster of disciplines that analyze basic dimensions of the human world through the application of systematic methods. Social scientists study an array of topics and deploy a multitude of theories and research methods collecting and analyzing data from participant observations, group interviews, surveys, historical documents, laboratory experiments, and more. Students who earn an AA in the social sciences analyze and evaluate the social world from the perspectives of anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

The degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with emphasis in Social Sciences prepares students for a variety of careers related to education, law, social work, business, politics, and human services.

I. Select 18 units from Social and Behavioral Sciences. Courses must be selected from at least 4 disciplines

ANTH 110, 200, 360 **ECON** 100, 102, 230
GEOG 110 **HIST** 100, 101, 104, 106, 201, 202
PHIL 100, 160, 190, 240, 300 **PLSC** 130, 150, 210, 310
PSYC 100, 106, 110, 200, 205, 300, 340, 410 **SOCI** 100, 105, 141, 205