

Interdisciplinary Baccalaureates

Upon completing at least 15 UAA credits, a student may develop an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) program. The proposed program must differ significantly from established degree programs and must not be a substitute for a regular degree program. Interdisciplinary degree programs are not transferable to other University of Alaska campuses.

To receive a baccalaureate degree in interdisciplinary studies from UAA, the student must meet General University Requirements (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>), General Education Requirements (GERs) (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>), and school/college requirements as applicable. Major program requirements are established in the interdisciplinary program plan developed by the student in consultation with an advisory committee.

An interdisciplinary baccalaureate program proceeds as follows:

1. The student develops a proposal specifying the degree (BA or BS), title and program content, including recommendations for courses to meet GERs and school/college requirements as applicable.
2. The student obtains an advisory committee of at least three faculty members from the appropriate academic disciplines. If the interdisciplinary degree program involves more than one school or college, the committee must include a faculty member from each.
3. The student obtains the assistance of one faculty member to chair the advisory committee and serve as the interdisciplinary degree program director.
4. The student presents the proposal for committee review and approval. If the committee supports the proposal, it is forwarded to the appropriate academic dean(s) or director(s).
5. The dean(s) or director(s) review(s) the proposal, committee membership and recommendation for degree program director. If the dean(s) or director(s) approves(s) the interdisciplinary degree program and committee structure, the degree program plan is forwarded to the Office of the Registrar.
6. If changes are necessary in the degree program plan, they must have written approval of the advisory committee and appropriate dean(s) or director(s).
7. The student works with the advisory committee and the Office of the Registrar to ensure that all degree requirements are met.