

BACHELOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) is a flexible, interdisciplinary program designed for students who want a degree tailored to their specific career goals integrating diverse coursework and culminating in a capstone project. The major offers a versatile academic track that allows students to explore various academic disciplines of study while earning a unified degree. It accommodates individuals whose career aspirations or intellectual pursuits span multiple disciplines, empowering them to craft a customized major. Emphasizing vocational exploration and skill development, this program equips graduates with leadership, analytical, and relational skills essential for the workplace. This degree serves as a foundation for both professional endeavors and future graduate studies. Some areas where graduates of interdisciplinary studies program commonly pursue further education include: law, public administration, social sciences, education, business administration, healthcare administration, environmental studies, international relations, media and communications, and creative arts.

A bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies opens up a diverse range of career paths. Here are some potential career options:

- Project Coordinator
- Nonprofit Program Manager
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Research Analyst
- Environmental Consultant
- Policy Analyst
- Education Program Coordinator
- Entrepreneur

These are just a few examples. The versatility of interdisciplinary studies means graduates can pursue careers in various industries and sectors.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

Graduates of the Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Demonstrate the ability to integrate biblical concepts and principles with inter-concentration specific topics and domains.
- **PLO 2:** Develop professional competencies in two concentrations and in the integration of those concentrations.
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
- **PLO 4:** Analyze inter-concentration specific issues, practices, and trends using appropriate research concepts and processes.
- **PLO 5:** Demonstrate critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.
- **PLO 6:** Apply principles of Christian ethics in response to ethical dilemmas and issues within inter-concentration contexts.

Core

The Los Angeles Pacific University Core comprises the General Education requirements and the LAPU Distinctives. Students are encouraged to complete the Core before beginning their major requirements. General Education requirements may be met by transfer work. The LAPU Distinctives are required for all undergraduate degrees at LAPU.

Requirement	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		25
LAPU Distinctives		9
Total Credits		34

General Education

Requirement	Title	Credits
English Communication		
COMM 105	Public Communication	3
ENGL 105	Introduction to Academic Research and Writing	3
Arts		
ARTS 110	Introduction to Art	3
Humanities		
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3
or PHIL 205	Introduction to Philosophy	
or PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	
Quantitative Reasoning		
MATH 105	Survey of College Mathematics	3
or MATH 125	College Algebra	
or STAT 280	Applied Statistics	
Behavioral Sciences		
ECON 203	Principles of Microeconomics	3
or PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	
Social Sciences		
HIST 202	World Civilizations	3
or HIST 204	U.S. History from 1865	
or HIST 420	United States History and the Constitution	
Physical and Biological Sciences		
BIOL 105	General Biology/Lab	4
or BIOL 230	Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	
or CHEM 115	Chemistry for Health Sciences/Lab	
or NSCI 150	Introduction to Astronomy/Lab	
Total Credits		25

LAPU Distinctives

Requirement	Title	Credits
BIBL 100	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy	3
BIBL 230	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Luke/Acts	3
ISTU 101	Success in the University ¹	3
Total Credits		9

1

Must be taken at LAPU.

Program Requirements

To earn the Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, students must complete the degree components listed below:

Requirement	Title	Credits
Core		34
Two Concentrations		30
Capstone		6
Electives		50
Total Credits		120

In order to earn the Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, students create a personalized study focus by completing two concentrations (comprising at least 30 credits) and two capstone courses, while achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the combined concentrations and capstone courses. There may be at most one course that is common to the two concentrations; an approved substitute course will be required to complete the second concentration.

Requirement	Title	Credits
Core		
Core Requirement		34
Major Requirements		
Concentrations Requirement ¹		30
Capstone Courses		
ISTU 490	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone I	3
ISTU 495	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone II	3
Electives		
Electives Requirement ²		50
Total Credits		120

¹

Please consult a success coach to determine an appropriate pairing of concentrations.

²

Students may choose from any course in the catalog.

Concentrations

- Concentration in Addiction and Substance Use Disorders (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/addiction-substance-disorders/>)
- Concentration in Applied Pastoral Counseling (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/applied-pastoral-counseling/>)
- Concentration in Child and Adolescent Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/child-adolescent-psychology/>)
- Concentration in Clinical Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/clinical-psychology/>)
- Concentration in Criminal Behavior (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/criminal-behavior/>)
- Concentration in Cultural Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/cultural-psychology/>)
- Concentration in Digital Marketing (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/digital-marketing/>)
- Concentration in Educational Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/educational-psychology/>)
- Concentration in General Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/general-psychology/>)
- Concentration in Health Education (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/health-education/>)
- Concentration in Healthcare Leadership (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/healthcare-leadership/>)
- Concentration in Healthcare Management (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/healthcare-management/>)
- Concentration in Human Services (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/human-services/>)
- Concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/business-psychology/>)
- Concentration in Organizational Leadership (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/organizational-leadership/>)
- Concentration in Psychology in the Healthcare Profession (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/psychology-healthcare-profession/>)
- Concentration in Public Administration (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/public-administration/>)
- Concentration in Public Health (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/pubh/>)
- Concentration in Supply Chain Management (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/scm/>)
- Customized Concentration (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/customized-concentration/>)