



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

November 27, 2013

Dean Bruce Burgett
School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
University of Washington, Bothell
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Dear Bruce:

Based upon the recommendations of the Executive Council, the General Faculty Organization has recommended approval of the conversion of the option in Individualized Study within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Individualized Study. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2013.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael K. Young'.

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Rachel Foote (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 1 copy to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.

For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

College/Campus Bothell

Department/Unit Interdisciplinary Arts and
Sciences

Date 10/29/2012

New Programs

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Individualized Study
- ☐ Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a minor in _____

Changes to Existing Programs

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.

Other Changes

- ☒ Change name of program from BA with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies; Individualized Study to BA with a major in Individualized Study.
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.
- ☐ Eliminate program in _____.

Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: ☒ Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 20 13

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Transitioning the current options offered under the Interdisciplinary Studies major to independent majors is a strategic imperative for the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (IAS). When IAS first began offering degrees in 1990, the challenge was to offer a broad range of courses on a newly created campus, so the program developed distinct transcribed degrees under a single Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (later Interdisciplinary Studies). In Autumn 2010, the 8 transcribed options offered by IAS were converted into majors.

Our current options (Law, Economics and Public Policy; Individualized Study; Mathematical Thinking and Visualization; and Media and Communication Studies) were developed and approved 2010 - 2012. On an organizational level, these options function on equal footing with the BA degrees offered by IAS. This change simply marks a step up in formalization; a shift in the status of these transcribed degrees that enhances their recognition to external audiences. The curricular content is intact.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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CATALOG COPY

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

Individualized Study Option

The Individualized Study (IS) option within the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is designed for highly-motivated students who want to create their own course of study. IS students work closely with one or more faculty mentors in IAS or other programs at UWB as they shape a degree suited to their intellectual and professional interests and ambitions.

IS allows students to create degree options in subjects ranging from science communication and environmental education to gender studies and digital arts. The resulting student-driven curriculum includes formal and informal meetings between students and their faculty mentors, along with a portfolio-based process of self-reflection on the learning as it evolves. Students interested in pursuing the Individualized Study option work with a faculty member to develop a substantive proposal. This proposal is then reviewed by a faculty oversight committee. Once approved, requirements vary from proposal to proposal.

Graduating IS students develop careers and pursue graduate education in a wide variety of fields, depending on their chosen area of study. As important, they gain experience and document success in one of the crucial predictors of success in any of those fields: the ability to undertake a self-directed project in collaboration with others, to reflect critically on its development in process, and to complete it in a timely fashion.

Students cannot apply directly to this option. Students apply in their junior year after they have completed at least one quarter of coursework in IAS, including BIS 300. Students interested in pursuing the Individualized Study option work with a faculty member to develop a substantive proposal. This proposal is then reviewed by a faculty oversight committee. If approved, the option requirements vary from proposal to proposal.

Standard UW and IAS degree requirements including BIS 300, the portfolio capstone, and areas of knowledge, remain in effect, as they do for all other IAS degree options and majors, with a total of 180 credits required for graduation.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).

Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

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APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:

Date:

11-30-12

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee: <i>S. Chandra</i>	Date: <i>11/30/12</i>
Dean/Vice Chancellor:	Date: <i>12-11-12</i>
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: <i>K. [Signature]</i>	Date: <i>Aug. 1, 2013</i>
POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)	
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: <i>K. [Signature]</i>	Date: <i>Aug. 1, 2013</i>

Bothell: Conversion of option in Individualized Study within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Individualized Study (BIS-20121029B)

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Board owner

Posted Jan 24, 2013 2:02 PM

Please review the attached 1503 pdf requesting to convert the existing option in Individualized Study within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Individualized Study at the Bothell campus and post comments by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 14th.

If you have any problems viewing the attachment or need disability accommodations, please contact the University Curriculum Office at uwcr@uw.edu.

Attachments:



BIS-20121029B.pdf 8.8M

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES**

CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: Bachelor of Arts degree in Individualized Study (BIS-
20121029B)

Proposed by (unit name): Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Originating Campus:

☐ UW, Seattle

☒ UW, Bothell

☐ UW, Tacoma

I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)

A. Review Completed by: (list name of program review body)

Chaired by:

12/11/12 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body

12/18/12 Date proposal sent to University Registrar

01/24/2013 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list

08/01/13 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval

(Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)

B. 0 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the consideration and responses thereof : (1-2 paragraphs)

II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review (to be completed by FCTCP)

A. Review Completed by:

☒ FCTCP subcommittee

☐ FCTCP full council

Chaired by: William Erdly

8/6/13 Date request for review received from University Registrar

11/12/13 Date of FCTCP report

Note: Review request was received in late summer; FCTCP review could not be conducted until new sub-committee formed in October, 2013.

B. Review (attached)

YES NO

- ☒ ☐ Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days?
☒ ☐ Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance of academic program review?
☒ ☐ Were comments received by academic program review body?
☒ ☐ Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)
☐ ☒ Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?
☒ ☐ Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)

C. Recommendation

- ☒ Forward for final approval
☐ Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain)
☐ Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).

**Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same