

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SCIENCE TEACHING MA

Admission to this program has been suspended indefinitely. Other programs may be individually developed with approval. Consult Graduate Studies for specific information.

## Graduate Advising Requirement

Once the program plan is developed and approved, advising is recommended but not mandatory each semester for interdisciplinary studies students. For further information, consult the graduate coordinator.

## Requirements for the MA in Interdisciplinary Studies

Completion of all requirements as established by the graduate advisory committee and Graduate Studies, to include:

1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 30 units of 400/500/600-level courses:
  - a. A comprehensive core of units in the chosen disciplines.
  - b. At least 18 of the units required for the degree in stand-alone 600-level courses (those not cross-listed with 400/500-level courses).
  - c. Not more than nine semester units of transfer and/or California State University, Chico Open University credit. Correspondence courses and University of California extension coursework are not acceptable.
  - d. Not more than 15 units taken before admission to classified status.
  - e. Not more than a total of 10 units of Independent Study (697), Comprehensive Examination (696), and Master's Study (699) combined; not more than three units of Comprehensive Examination (696) or six units of Master's Study (699).
2. Completion and final approval of a thesis, project, comprehensive examination, or other culminating activity as specified by the graduate advisory committee.
3. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive final examination (written or oral) in the field of study.
4. Approval by the graduate advisory committee and the Graduate Council on behalf of the faculty of the University.

All requirements listed above are to be completed within seven years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied towards the degree.

## Graduate Grading Requirements

All courses in the major (with the exceptions of Comprehensive Examination - 696, Independent Study - 697, Master's Project - 699P, and Master's Thesis - 699T) must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses specified by the department as ABC/No Credit (400/500-level courses), AB/No Credit (600-level courses), or Credit/No Credit grading only. A maximum of 10 units combined of ABC/No Credit, AB/No Credit, and Credit/No Credit grades may be used on the approved program (including 696, 697, 699P, 699T and courses outside the major). While grading standards are determined by individual programs and instructors, it is also the policy of the University that unsatisfactory grades may be given when work fails to reflect achievement of the high standards,

including high writing standards, expected of students pursuing graduate study.

Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in each of the following three categories: all coursework taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all coursework taken at Chico State subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses in the approved master's degree program. Failure to maintain a 3.0 average in any category will result in academic notice in the master's program. Failure to remedy the deficiency within one semester with appropriate courses approved by the program coordinator may result in disqualification from the master's program. See Graduate Education Policies (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/graduate-education-policies/#academicstanding>) for more information.

Continuous enrollment is required. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Professional & Continuing Education. Correspondence courses and UC Extension coursework are not acceptable for transfer.

## Graduate Time Limit

All requirements for the degree are to be completed within seven years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied toward the degree. See Master's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/masters-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements.

## Graduate Requirement in Writing Proficiency

All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Interdisciplinary Studies students will demonstrate their writing proficiency by submitting an acceptable justification statement with the application to the program. Consult the graduate coordinator for further information.

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## Prerequisites for Admission to Conditionally Classified Status

1. Satisfactory grade point average as specified in Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/graduate-requirements/graduate-postbaccalaureate-admission-requirements/>).
2. Approval by the department and Graduate Studies.
3. An acceptable baccalaureate from an accredited institution, or an equivalent approved by Graduate Studies.
4. Formation of the graduate advisory committee.
5. Development of an approved program, including a Justification Statement and description of the culminating activity, in consultation with the graduate coordinator and the graduate advisory committee.

## **Prerequisites for Admission to Classified Status**

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. The completion of all prerequisites for courses included in the approved program.
2. A minimum Miller Analogies Test raw score of 50, or an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 for the last 60 units and 3.0 for any postbaccalaureate work.

## **Advancement to Candidacy**

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. Classified graduate standing and completion at the University of at least nine units of the proposed program.