Other Academic Programs

Occasionally, academic programs span all or several of the colleges or schools of the University. These programs often have an interdisciplinary aspect to them. They are enhancements to and enrichments of other existing programs explained within the colleges or schools and departments in other descriptions in this catalog.

The interdisciplinary programs at UVU provide students with rich and varied opportunities to engage in study and research that address complex problems by drawing on multiple disciplinary tools.

UVU offers several curriculum-spanning opportunities for students to explore interdisciplinary relationships.

The Leadership Certification Program brings together students who are interested in strengthening their leadership skills, no matter what their major.

The Center for the Study of Ethics provides opportunities for students to think more deeply about the ethical dimensions of contemporary life.

The Honors Program works with a number of departments and colleges and schools on campus to prepare students for graduate or professional schools, among other futures, through interdisciplinary research, internship, field, and experiential learning opportunities.

The Integrated Studies Program allows students to engage in cross-disciplinary research that can culminate in an associate and/or bachelor degree.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program offers nine stand-alone minors, in topic-specific areas with curricula drawn from various departments.

Interdisciplinary programs at UVU offer innovative learning experiences that challenge, teach, and prepare student for successful lives and careers after graduation.

For more information, please see individual department pages.

See below for more detail on interdisciplinary or cross-discipline programs and opportunities.

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Leadership Certification Program

The Center for the Advancement of Leadership (CAL) has designed an extra-curricular Engaged Learning University Distinction in Leadership for any and all students on the UVU Campus. Whether majoring in business, engineering, law, emergency services, biology, aviation, or any other degree or program, this Engaged Learning Distinction is designed for students who wish to advance their personal, interpersonal, organizational and/or civic leadership skills while pursuing their degrees and programs – making them more productive and marketable to their future employers and/or graduate or professional schools.

All students are invited to preview the program by visiting our website at uvu.edu/leadership, attending our monthly Master Mind Meeting the first Monday of each month, visiting our office in LC 302, or calling (801-863-6466).

Leadership Certification Structure

The Engaged Learning University Distinction in Leadership focuses on four key aspects of personal development: Learn, Engage, Acquire, and Discover. Together, these four aspects ensure leadership growth concurrently in both the personal and professional arenas.

The Engaged Learning University Distinction in Leadership is a two year program.

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The Center for the Study of Ethics (CSE) supports and facilitates the interdisciplinary study of ethics. This includes traditional moral philosophy and the integration of theory and practice across the disciplines and professions. Center activities include public forums, co-curricular support of faculty and student scholarship, and community engagement activities.

Because an educated citizenry is necessary for democracy, the study of interdisciplinary ethics aids individuals in moral decision-making relevant to professional, private, and public life. While CSE programming addresses a range of challenging ethical and public policy issues, the CSE is a non-advocacy center designed to promote academic achievement and community dialogue.

Regular events include Ethics Awareness Week, the Environmental Ethics Symposium, the Faculty Summer Seminar. The CSE also hosts a variety of customized forums in response to student interest and contemporary events.

The organizational structure of the CSE is comprised of an Executive Committee, the Community Advisory Board, and the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Ethics forums are free and open to the public.

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The Honors Program at Utah Valley University provides opportunities for highly motivated students pursuing any associates or baccalaureate degree to realize academic, professional, and personal potential. Honors offers a powerful first-year experience, sustained peer-group interactions, and small courses with outstanding faculty employing innovative classroom approaches. Honors students benefit from experiential learning, undergraduate research, cultural events, and dynamic social gatherings. Honors students also experience extensive mentoring by faculty while researching and completing a year-long Honors thesis or project, leaving students well-positioned to succeed in applications to competitive graduate and professional schools. Close interaction with faculty in small Honors courses also fosters opportunities for students' career and professional development.

Graduate school and employment applications are enhanced by the numerous research, internship, field, and experiential learning opportunities provided by the Honors Program.

Unique in Utah, the Honors Colloquium is a 1-credit course that includes cohort building activities emphasizing cultural, outdoor, and academic activities. These include trips to the Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, guest lecturers from the academic and professional communities, outdoor recreation activities, reading groups, and community or campus service projects. The Colloquium syllabus is available each semester in the Honors Office (LC 204) or in electronic form from the Faculty Director and Program Coordinators.

The Honors Program also offers merit-based tuition scholarships to Utah residents, as well as a competitive housing scholarship that is available to both resident and non-resident students. Application to the program and for these scholarships occurs each October for Spring semester and each January for Fall semester.

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Integrated Studies Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science

The individualized nature of the Integrated Studies degree is attractive to students with multiple interests. Students integrate course work in emphases such as biology, earth science, business, health, literature, creative writing, languages, communication, philosophy, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and the arts. Emphases from computer science and
information systems, accounting, technology management, and exercise science are also offered as part of this degree. For more information, please visit the Integrated Studies website at uvu.edu/is.

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Interdisciplinary Studies provides a framework for supporting innovative, boundary-crossing inquiry among students and faculty across campus as well as in wider intellectual and social communities. IDST coordinates existing multidisciplinary minor and emphasis programs and provides guidance and support as new programs are envisioned and established. IDST programs promote instructional excellence and offer a variety of courses and events that enhance the overall academic experience at Utah Valley University.

**Interdisciplinary Minor Programs**

- American Indian Studies  
- American Studies*  
- Chinese Commerce  
- Chinese Studies  
- Cinema Studies*  
- Classical Studies*  
- Deaf Studies  
- Environmental Studies*  
- Gender Studies  
- Peace and Justice Studies  
- Religious Studies*  
- Russian Studies

An asterisk denotes that an Integrated Studies emphasis is available.