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.

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](http://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.

Honors Program

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The UVU Honors Program seeks out highly motivated and diverse students who exhibit curiosity, creativity, passion, initiative, and flexible thinking. Admitted students receive specialized academic and social opportunities beyond the typical collegiate experience. We promote student success through intensive advising, inclusive experiences, classes with outstanding faculty, and sustained peer-group interactions during cultural events, outdoor adventures, and research endeavors. Through imaginative and intellectual engagement, Honors students build on their personal, professional, and civic potential.

Eligibility

We encourage any student with curiosity, talent, and drive apply for admission to the Honors Program through a competitive application process that assesses them holistically based in part on two short admissions essays. There is no minimum GPA or test score required to be admitted. We welcome and support students from all backgrounds seeking any face-to-face baccalaureate or associates degree.

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, field, and experiential learning opportunities facilitated by the Honors Program.

To earn Honors Program distinction on the transcript and diploma and to wear our regalia, students must complete between 20 and 31 credits of Honors level coursework based on their completed credits at the time of admission. An overall GPA of at least 3.40 must be attained to qualify for the Honors Program Graduate distinction.

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 Fall and Spring semester in the Honors Office (LC 204) or in electronic form from the Faculty Director and Program Coordinators.

The Honors Program also offers access to merit-based tuition scholarships to Utah residents, as well as access to competitive housing scholarships 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](http://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.