

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Ray Hall, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Nichole Walsh, Chair
Academic Policy & Planning Committee

RE: APP Memo APM 203 – BA/BS in Interdisciplinary Studies (Formerly
Special Majors), Updates & Revisions

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This memorandum will serve to inform the Academic Senate that the Academic Policy & Planning Committee moved to approve the following updated and revised policy at our 11/30/23 meeting:

MSC To forward the revised 11-30-23 redline copy of APM 203 regarding updates and revisions to policy language to the Executive Committee for the Senate's consideration. There are both cosmetic updates to office nomenclature as well as substantial additions related to CSU policy and Title 5 requirements for degree eligibility criteria, consistent degree names, limitations, and assessment/program review.

This version changes the degree name from Special Major in [name dependent] to BA or BS in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) to meet CSU policy for ensuring only one consistent name is used for these degrees. There is also inclusion of specifics from Title 5 related to degree eligibility updates, advising office nomenclature, and clarifies students cannot add this degree as a second major or graduate and return for a second major under this degree among other limitations. On going assessment and program review are also required for the IS degree and provisions are addressed, including the creation of a new faculty position to oversee the assessment and program review: Coordinator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies housed in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

This modified version has the support of the Offices of the Registrar and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies with advisement of the CSU Chancellor's Office for Title 5 Ed Code compliance.

Attachments: Redline copy APM 203 (.docx), No redline revised APM 203 (PDF)

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