

The MS Interdisciplinary Studies: Wildland Management

The Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Wildland Management provides students with the opportunity to design unique courses of study leading to the MS degree in Wildland Management. With the exponentially growing need for forest/land management, students can taper their degree to fit their career pursuits in this field. This dictates that core courses be drawn from a multitude of academic areas rather than from a single discipline.

Course Requirements for the Master's Degree: 30 units

Continuous enrollment is required. At the discretion of the program advisor, 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 Regional and Continuing Education.

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.

Prerequisites for Admission to Conditionally Classified Status:

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. The completion of all prerequisites for courses included in the approved program.
2. Completion of justification statement and approved Interdisciplinary Studies Master's Degree sign off sheet.

Requirements for the Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Wildland Management:

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

1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 30 units of 400/500/600-level courses as follows:
 - 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. At the discretion of the program advisor, 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 work. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Regional and Continuing Education (Correspondence courses and UC Extension coursework are not acceptable for transfer).
 - 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 3 units of Comprehensive Examination (696) or 6 units of Master's Study (699).
2. Completion and final approval of a project or other culminating activity as specified by the graduate advisory committee.
 3. Approval by the graduate advisory committee and the Graduate Council on behalf of the faculty of the University.

Graduate Requirement in Writing Proficiency:

Writing proficiency is a graduation requirement.

Wildland Management students will demonstrate their writing proficiency by designating a suitable course in their approved program. Consult the graduate coordinator for further information.

Graduate Grading Requirements:

All courses in the major (with the exceptions of Independent Study - 697, Comprehensive Examination - 696, 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 697, 696, 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 course work taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all course work taken at CSU, Chico subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses on the approved master's degree program.

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.