

Undergraduate Degrees and Programs

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Bachelor of Arts

Special Major

Undergraduate Studies is responsible for a wide range of programs designed to help students and enhance their academic success.

Beginning with pre-college students, Undergraduate Studies hosts the Early Assessment Program, through which high school juniors can assess their readiness for college-level English and mathematics coursework.

We help to coordinate developmental education programs in English and mathematics for students who have not demonstrated college-readiness in those subjects by the time they start college, including the Early Start Program and Coyote First STEP (Student Transition Enhancement Program), offered in the summer before first enrollment at CSUSB. For students in the first year of college, Undergraduate Studies offers the Freshman Seminar (USTD 100) and courses in developmental mathematics. Undergraduate Studies coordinates CSUSB's team-based academic advising system, which includes peer advisors, professional advisors and faculty advisors assigned to every student; we are home to the office of Advising and Academic Services, which is directly responsible for advising students who have yet to declare a major or who find themselves needing to get off of academic probation. The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Student Assistance in Learning (SAIL; a federal TRIO-funded Student Success Services program) are specialized programs that create communities and provide intensive academic and personal assistance for students.

Through Supplemental Instruction, the Student Mentoring Program, the Writing Centers, and the Honors Program, Undergraduate Studies provides extensive opportunities to students for academic assistance and enrichment.

The baccalaureate degree that students earn at California State University, San Bernardino will represent work done in three broad areas: General Education, courses in a major and free electives. The General Education program is explained elsewhere in this catalog, and all the courses that comprise the General Education program are listed. It is important to note that not all of these courses will be offered each quarter. Students should consult the Class Schedule to find those courses offered during the current quarter. Following the General Education requirements are several important process requirements that must be fulfilled in order to obtain an undergraduate degree. This catalog also contains the program requirements and course descriptions required of baccalaureate degrees, minors, certificates and credentials with appropriate contact information at the beginning of each section.

Most of the work of Undergraduate Studies involves supporting students, faculty members and the various academic colleges. Undergraduate Studies oversees one degree program, namely the Bachelor of Arts: Special Major, through which qualified students are able to design their own personalized, interdisciplinary degree program.

In addition to programs aimed primarily at undergraduate work, there are several programs that help undergraduate students look forward toward graduate studies. These transitional programs are aimed at preparation for professional schools. These pre-professional programs include pre-engineering, pre-law and pre-professional programs in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.