



Depth of Study Requirements

Border Studies

The Depth of Study Module in Border and Regional Studies (BRS) offers an interdisciplinary exploration of human interactions across borders that divide and connect people and places. Students will learn key concepts and issues regarding spatially-bound borders and regions as well as for non-spatial borders. Examples of the former include urban planning, immigration, economic development, and environmental problems. Issues shaped by non-spatially bound borders include language, culture, and education.

This Depth of Study provides students with knowledge and skills valuable to many professions. Teachers, city and regional planners, education administrators, community organization leaders and others will find significant value from the ability to analyze and understand how communities are shaped by the interrelationship of diverse groups who are separated or connected by the boundaries that delimit them. Future K-8 teachers will gain specialized knowledge about the region where most will teach, as well as expertise regarding the cross-boundary students that will populate their classes and understanding of the complex borders created in classrooms where students come from multiple cultures and languages.

Required Courses for the Border and Regional Studies Module

Required:	BRS 300 (May double-dip with either Interdisciplinary or DD for catalog years 04 - 15)	3 units
Methods Course, Choose One:	ANTH 390, BRS 301, HIST 301, PSCI 301 **, SOC 360 *, SOC 361	3-4 units
Electives, Choose three:	BRS 330, BRS 364, BRS 400, BRS 430, BRS 453, GEOG 305, GEOG 305S, GEOG 320, LING 305	9 units
		Total required: 15-16 units

*Prerequisites for SOC 360 are PSYC 220 or SOC 201

** Permission number needed. Contact Chair of the Liberal Studies Department.

Note on Transferring in Approved Equivalent Courses

See University Catalog for course descriptions and prerequisite information. **Approved** equivalents of lower-division courses may be completed at community colleges or other regionally accredited institutions. Go to www.assist.org to find equivalents to the lower-division courses at CA Community Colleges. Any courses not listed on Assist must be approved by faculty in the department offering the course. A maximum of seventy (70) semester units earned in a community college may be applied toward the degree.

Note on Upper-Division Units Required for Graduation:

Students need at least 40 upper-division (UD) units of coursework to graduate from CSUSM. If one is planning to double-dip, one may need additional elective UD units. Note on pursuing a minor in a related field:

Depth of Study courses may be counted toward a minor, but the requirements are not identical. Additional coursework is required to complete the minor. See the current University Catalog for minor requirements. An official minor declaration must be submitted to Enrollment Services.

To make an appointment for faculty advising, please email brs@csusm.edu.

Please fill out the online form at:

http://www.csusm.edu/liberalstudiesadvising/teaching_opts/depthofstudy/dosform.html or sign & date this declaration and return it to Advising in CRA 1300. (ICP : return to SOE)

Student Name: _____ **Student ID#** _____

- I am following the ESM option in the Liberal Studies major, and I declare **BORDER STUDIES** as my Depth of Study. I agree to follow the course requirements listed.
- I understand that I must follow these course requirements even if I am pursuing a minor in a related field

Student Signature _____ Date: _____