Cal Poly Launches New Bachelor’s Degree Program for Working Adults

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Continuing Education and University Outreach has launched a new Adult Degree Program (ADP) designed for working adults to earn an undergraduate degree.

Recently approved by The California State University’s Chancellor’s Office, the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program at Cal Poly is offered in a format that helps meet the needs and busy schedules of local working adults, said Dennis “Skip” Parks, dean of Cal Poly Continuing Education.

“The ADP offers adults the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree at one of the West's top-ranked universities, using a structure that allows them to balance the demands of school, family, work and community responsibilities,” Parks said. “The Adult Degree Program represents the next step in our efforts to increase access to educational opportunities to the larger community.”

The program is intended for individuals who have completed high school at least six years before entering the program and whose personal educational goals will be achieved through an interdisciplinary studies program. Students will be admitted starting fall quarter 2005. All classes needed to complete the program will be offered on nights and on weekends.

Free information sessions on the program are being offered Nov. 15, Dec. 9, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, March 9 and April 4. Potential students can learn more about the ADP and the degree program, ask questions and meet other prospective students.

Those interested in attending an information session are asked to reserve a seat by calling 756-2053 or by registering online at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

The Adult Degree program was created in partnership with Allan Hancock College, Cuesta College and Cal Poly. ADP students can transfer 90 quarter units (60 semester hours) of lower-division credit toward the completion of a bachelor's degree at Cal Poly.

For more information, call Cal Poly Continuing Education and University Outreach at 756-7136.
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Continuing Education and University Outreach develops and runs certificate programs, self-support degree programs, Open University access, individual courses, conferences and workshops, training for business and industry, and noncredit programs to update professional skills, meet career goals, and engage in personal enrichment. The continuing education courses annually serve approximately 10,000 learners on campus, online and at off-campus locations. Program descriptions and schedules are available at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.