



# Individualized Studies

Individualized Studies is a degree program developed by the student in consultation with an advisor from their concentrated area(s) of study. The nature of this degree provides students with the flexibility to design a program of study, based on prior course work in a major and the selection of a sequence of elective courses. Students can choose a program of study that is focused on their specific interests of study and professional goals.

No more than 30 credits from the Individualized Studies degree program may be applied toward a double-major or second degree in the designated disciplines.

## Individualized Studies Program Requirements

Students eligible to declare Individualized Studies as their bachelor's degree program of study must have completed a minimum of 72 semester credits.

The degree program requires completion of 44 semester credits in the student's choice of courses from the following disciplines at the 3000-4000 level, and a one-credit capstone course from one of the following disciplines excluding Psychology and Social Work, with a 2.25 minimum GPA. Students may complete a 6-12 credit internship or applicable work experience as a part of the 45 credits required at the 3000-4000 level in the following disciplines excluding Psychology and Social Work.

Accounting  
Business Administration  
Mass Communication  
Technology, Art, and Design  
Criminal Justice  
Human Performance, Sport, and Health  
Professional Education  
Psychology  
Social Work

## Admission to the Program

Upon successful completion of 72 semester credits, students may apply for the B.S. in Individualized Studies degree program.

Following the initial inquiry, students are required to contact the **Advising Success Center** at [advising@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:advising@bemidjistate.edu) to set up an appointment to discuss the requirements and admission process for this degree program.

Students who have successfully completed 72 semester credits and who have an interest in the Bachelor of Science in Individualized Studies degree program must submit an application through the Advising Success Center. The application must address the following points:

1. A statement of understanding about the freedom of choice associated with this degree;
2. A statement of future plans to use this degree for personal growth, further study, employment, or other purposes;
3. An outline of a projected course of study and date of graduation.

The application is reviewed by the Individualized Studies program admission committee which is made up of the department chairs from the departments of 1) Criminal Justice, 2) Human Performance, Sport, and Health, 3) Professional Education, 4) Psychology, and 5) Social Work in the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology, or the department chairs from 1) Accounting, 2) Business Administration, 3) Mass Communication, and 4) Technology, Art, and Design from the College of Business, Technology, and

Communication.; dependent upon the college in which the majority of the courses of the proposed program are offered. When the application is approved, the student may declare the Individualized Studies degree program.

## Individualized Studies Advising Worksheet

The credits for the Individualized Studies major may be distributed in various ways. For example:

- Broad distribution across the two colleges.
- Concentration in various areas of interest, including minors.
- Organization in a formal program of study of one or more major themes, such as critical thinking, career focus, science, and technology.

## Programs

- Individualized Studies, B.S. *major*

## Career Directions

Communication  
Consulting  
Education (private)  
Government  
Graduate School  
Industry  
Law  
Nonprofit organizations  
Professional School  
Public Policy  
Training

## Individualized Studies, B.S. *major*

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Required Credits: 45

Required GPA: 2.25

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### I REQUIRED COURSES

COMPLETE AT LEAST 44 SEMESTER CREDITS AT THE 3000-4000 LEVEL.

### II REQUIRED CAPSTONE

COMPLETE CAPSTONE COURSE, 1 CREDIT

## Suggested Semester Schedule | Individualized Studies, B.S.

#### Freshman & Sophomore Years

- Core Curriculum
- General Electives

#### Junior & Senior Years

- Individualized Studies
- General Electives

## Courses

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### All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY

1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY

1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE

1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE

1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR

1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION

1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP

1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH

1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS