INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES
MAJOR: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION OPTION
(B.S.)

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communication-option

Description

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Individualized Studies provides an
opportunity for interdisciplinary or specialized study in the following
focus areas: Behavioral & Social Sciences, Business & Finance, Health
& Human Services, Management, Media & Communication, and Public
Safety.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0 is required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: General Education Program

Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*GPA: Major and any state certification GPA requirements may be higher and
are indicated in program details.

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major coursework. Some
programs may have higher grade requirements for Major coursework as
noted in the Major requirements section below. Students are allowed a
maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major,
Minor, and General Education requirements with only 8 credits overlapped
between the Major and Minor. Please note that Option requirements are
considered part of the Major. Students must complete 16 upper-level
credits in majors within the College of Professional Studies, Online.

General Education Program Requirements

A minimum grade of D is required in all General Education coursework.
Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can
be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with
only 8 credits overlapped between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical
Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar,
must be taken prior to the capstone.

Writing Program Requirements

All bachelor’s degree candidates are required to complete four writing
intensive courses as part of the University Writing Program Requirements
as follows:

Writing Intensive courses are identified with the label "Writing Intensive
Course" in the "Attributes" section of the course description and/or a W
following the course number.

Major Requirements

A minimum of 32 semester credit hours is required in the major with at
least four courses at the upper level.

Students interested in the Individualized Studies major should contact
their academic advisor. The student will work with their advisor and the
Director of Liberal Arts to determine if an Individualized Studies degree
is feasible. Once the student’s degree plan has been researched and
finalized, the student must submit a proposal to Academic Affairs for
approval. Generally, this work is completed while the student is taking
CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking however,
feasibility and degree planning may occur prior to taking CRIT 602 if
needed.

Prior to capstone enrollment, students are expected to complete the
majority of their required major courses along with CRIT 602 Advanced
Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary
Seminar. Students should consult with their advisor regarding specific
major courses that may be completed with their capstone. Academic
Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

Electives

Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to
their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the
remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as
any credit course offered by the College not already included in the
student’s general education, major, option or minor. Students will need
120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the Online
Division of the College of Professional Studies.

Degree Plan

A minimum of 32 semester credit hours is required in the major with at
least four courses at the upper level. The Individualized Studies major is
usually developed in conjunction with the regular course assignments in
CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking. A proposal
for the major must be submitted to Academic Affairs for approval.
Students in an Individualized Studies program should develop their individual academic plan sequencing with their academic advisor once their major courses are approved.

Student Learning Outcomes

• Demonstrate the ability to be a self-directed student by determining individual academic objectives and activities and evaluating the resulting learning.
• Attain proficiency in the knowledge, theories, methods of inquiry, and use of information resources pertinent to a substantial and coherent area of study.
• Develop knowledge and skills in a specific discipline or clearly articulated interdisciplinary area at the introductory through advanced level.
• Use ongoing reflective learning to articulate the progression and integration of one’s learning in the selected area of study.