Individualized Studies Career Outlook 2014–2015

Individualized Studies Program Available at Bemidji State University:
**Major:** Individualized Studies (B.S.)
**Department Website:** [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/catalog/20153/areas/ind](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/catalog/20153/areas/ind)

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:**
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. 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

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 to set up an appointment to discuss the requirements and admission process for this degree program.

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS:**
Individualized Studies graduates can go into a variety of different career paths, including the arts, business, communications, education (private), government, human services, law, public policy, and nonprofit. They may also continue their education through graduate studies programs.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES GRADUATES:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Individualized Studies graduates. This is a new program offering, so there are not many graduates for this report. Of the two Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Individualized Studies graduates, 1 reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and the other graduate went on to continue their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.
LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVEReported Hiring BSU Individualized Studies Graduates: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

North Homes, Inc. Counselor Grand Rapids, MN

Colleges and Universities Where BSU Individualized Studies Graduates Have Gone to Continue Their Education:

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.
Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.
Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

Bibliography:

For more information, please contact the Career Services Office in Sattgast 207 or call us at 218-755-2038 or toll free at 800-657-3726.

For more job listings please visit:

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/