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** 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

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Required GPA: 2.25

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SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES, B.S.

Freshman & Sophomore Years

- Liberal Education
- General Electives

Junior & Senior Years

- Indivdiualized Studies
- General Electives

Courses

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