

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES MAJOR: HUMANITIES OPTION (B.A.)

<https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/ba/individualized-studies>

Description

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Individualized Studies degree provides students with an opportunity for interdisciplinary study in Humanities. Specialized study in English or History is also an option for this degree.

The Individualized Studies major also affords students who have transfer courses in the humanities or other sources of prior college-level learning an opportunity to create a unified and coherent program from prior educational experiences.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0 is required for conferral

Core Curriculum Required: General Education Program

Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement*

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 must be taken prior to the capstone.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4

Select one of the following:		4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	
MTH 504	Statistics	
MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems		4
Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 601A	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Being Happy	4
or IDIS 601B	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Business of Beer	
or IDIS 601C	Interdisciplinary Seminar: Paranormal Activities	
Total Credits		40

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:

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	
One Writing Intensive course in the Major		
One Writing Intensive course at the 600-level or above		
One Additional Writing Intensive Course		

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 40 semester credit hours is required in the major with at least sixteen credits at the upper level taken at the University of New Hampshire.

The IS degree provides a path for students who wish to build a major that combines various courses into a distinct area of study. The IS major must be distinct from any existing program offered at CPSO. Courses in the major must provide breadth and depth of study and form a cohesive program. Students will work closely with advisors and program directors to ensure their major has both academic rigor and alignment with their career and educational goals. Prospective Individualized Studies students must submit a proposal after consulting with their advisor and program director and will need to be approved by the appropriate subject matter faculty and director.

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. 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.

* The Bachelor of Arts degree requires proficiency in a foreign language. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing the equivalent of a full-year elementary-level course in a language not previously studied, or

by completing the equivalent of a semester of a course in a foreign language at the intermediate or higher level, or by earning credit through an approved Advanced Placement or College Board foreign language achievement test (minimum scores vary). The proficiency in a foreign language requirement must be satisfied by the end of the sophomore year. No credit is awarded for elementary year college coursework if the student has had two or more years of that language in high school. It is strongly advised that students check with academic departments to identify department-advised specific foreign language proficiency options.

Note: A student with a documented disability who wishes accommodation on the basis that the disability will prevent them from successfully mastering a foreign language requirement, or whose foreign language requirement was waived in high school because of a documented disability, must contact [Student Accessibility Services](#), Smith Hall, (603) 862-2607 (Voice/TDD).

Degree Plan

The **Individualized Studies (IS) Degree** is designed for self-directed students who seek to pursue a unique course of study not available through existing degree programs at UNH-CPSO. This flexible and customizable major allows students to tailor their academic journey to focus on a specific issue or topic in-depth, rather than following a traditional program.

Student Learning Outcomes

Program 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.