Individualized Studies, BIS

Program Description

The DSU Bachelor of Individualized Studies is a versatile degree program in which students customize and title their program of study in accordance with their post-graduate goals and in collaboration with supportive and enthusiastic faculty mentors. This degree program aims to serve students with the maturity and life experience to participate in the design of their own majors, especially under-served, nontraditional university populations such as returning older students who may have a variety of college credits and work experiences but who would not be as well served by a baccalaureate in any single, standard academic discipline.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

DSU General Education Requirements

All DSU General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to DSU’s minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

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Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page
- Complete a 2020 or higher foreign language course (grade C or higher)
- Complete a 3060 foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 16 transfer credits for GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (8) in a single foreign language (grade C or higher)

OR

Complete a 1010 course listed below in a second foreign language (grade C or higher) AND one of the following:

1. In a language not taught at DSU, receive 12 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000 (8) and FLAT 2000 (4)
   or
2. In a language not taught at DSU, receive 12 transfer credits articulated as GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (4) (all grade C or higher)

OR

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)
- Complete ESL 2750 or ESL 2760 (grade B or higher).
- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional DSU admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IIELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to DSU but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

**Total Hours** 3-16

1 General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

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#### Statistical Competency (Complete One (1) Course)

- MATH 1040 Introduction to Statistics (MA)
- STAT 2040 Business Statistics
- SOC 3112 Social Statistics

#### Written Competency (Complete One (1) Course) - See Academic Advisor for recommendation

- ENGL 3030 Advanced College Writing
- ENGL 3130 Grant and Proposal Writing (ALCS)
- ENGL 3010 Professional Writing and Business Ethics
- INTS 3100 Interdisciplinary Studies
- PSY 2000 Writing in Psychology: APA Style

#### Thematic Concentration (Complete 35 to 36 credits)

- Concentration Courses (lower-division, 1000-2999) 14-21
- Concentration Courses (upper-division, 3000+) 15-21

#### Elective Courses

- College-Level Coursework (1000+) 36-40

### Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at DSU for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Individualized Studies requirement.

Please contact the Individualized Studies Program Coordinator for details about the major.

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### Individualized Studies Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic statistical competency.
2. Author effective written and oral communication related to disciplinary content.
3. Construct documentation that outlines an individualized degree plan, including title, mission statement, and individualized program learning outcomes.
4. Assemble a portfolio that demonstrates that individual program learning outcomes have been met.
5. Develop strategies for working in teams.