

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

<https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/bs/individualized-studies-media-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 Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at UNH

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 must be taken prior to the capstone.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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 | |

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| <u>Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems</u> | | 4 |
| <u>Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World</u> | | 4 |
| <u>Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression</u> | | 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 |
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| 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.

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.