
Individual Studies

Francine Staba, Interim Department Chair
Administrative Assistant Phone: 607-587-4122
Email: advising@alfredstate.edu

MISSION STATEMENT

The individual studies associate's degree, offered on campus or online, provides an opportunity to earn the degree, explore majors, career options, and futures. It is also excellent preparation for transfer into four-year programs or various colleges and universities, and can be tailored to fulfill a career goal that cannot be met by traditional programs offerings.

The Individual Studies Department offers curriculums that allow students to explore majors, and career options and create a specialized degree program. The department houses three curricula: individual studies (AS), interdisciplinary studies (BTech) and the undeclared major.

The undeclared major gives students the opportunity to try different options and select a course of study the first two semesters that fits students' individual interests and background. Along the way, students take advantage of extensive support services, including career planning and counseling, offered by caring faculty and staff throughout the program. Students enrolled in the undeclared major must transfer to a degree-granting program within two semesters. The program includes both a component of core courses and a component of elective courses.

The individual studies program, offered on campus or online, gives students the opportunity to explore majors, career options, and futures. It is also excellent preparation for transfer into four-year programs or various colleges and universities and can be tailored to fulfill a career goal that cannot be met by traditional program offerings. It allows students to sample courses from different fields.

The bachelor of technology in interdisciplinary studies program is designed to provide a four-year curriculum in which students are empowered to personalize, within specified core and concentration areas, their technology-based program of study. The program is founded in academic flexibility by provided two sets of broad-based academic options. Students start with a core set of courses selected for years one and two of the program and two concentration areas by years three and four. Year one and two core areas include: STEM, management, design, health/agricultural/science, humanities/social sciences, and technical communication. Years three and four concentration areas include: STEM, management, technical communication/design, humanities/social science, and health/science.

FACILITIES

The department is housed within the Academic Advising Center in the Hunter Student Development Center, where mathematics, computer, and study skills labs, as well as classrooms, are equipped with the most recent technological teaching assistance.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

[Individual Studies \(AS\)](#)
[Interdisciplinary Studies \(BTech\)](#)
[Undeclared Major](#)