

### **Individualized Programs – Interdisciplinary Studies (IDVP)**

An individualized program of study is based on a student's unique interests and goals which would not be addressed by a traditional program of study. The degree awarded is the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science, depending upon the focus of the program. The designated major is Individualized Program: Interdisciplinary Studies.

Students considering an individualized program of study will receive assistance from an academic adviser in preparing an individualized program. Important considerations in the formulation of a program are as follows:

- The program must be interdisciplinary or intercollegiate in nature (broad in scope, incorporating course work from more than one discipline);
- The program must not duplicate an existing program of study in another college of the university; and
- The student's objectives must be clearly stated and appropriate courses identified for achieving these objectives.

A University College student will receive guidance in designing his/her individualized program, often through multiple advising sessions. The program is reviewed by the Individualized Degree Program Review Committee. Once the program meets all University College degree program requirements and is accepted, the program of study must be followed. Prior written approval is necessary to make any course substitutions. If a program is denied, a student may appeal the decision. Advisers work with students to prevent this from happening.

The individualized program of study is particularly useful for students with associate's degrees and those with a variety of credits – serving as a degree completion option. Students enjoy the benefits of flexibility, individual attention to their needs, personalized advising, access to all of The University of Toledo's academic resources, and the ability to use The University of Toledo classes to best reflect their academic and career goals and needs.

Students may take no more than 30 semester hours of course work from the College of Business and Innovation, including no more than three courses in any one department, with the exception that up to 8 courses are permitted from the Business Administration (BUAD) department.

### **Individualized Degree Program Requirements and Options**

The University Undergraduate Core Curriculum requirements, detailed in the General Section of The University of Toledo Undergraduate Catalog, must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. In fulfilling The University of Toledo Core Curriculum, University College Individualized baccalaureate degree students must meet the following specific requirements:

- One English Literature or Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) elective;
- One Philosophy elective;
- One American Government or one American History or Economics elective;
- BUAD 1020 or CMPT 1100;
- One elective from Anthropology, Geography, Psychology, or Sociology;
- One Speech Communication elective;
- AL 2500 – Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research; and
- AL 4950 – Senior Capstone.

39 semester hours must be completed in upper division courses (numbered 3000 or 4000). Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit as a University College degree program student (per Academic Policy 3364-71-10 of The University of Toledo). The minimum number of approved credit hours required for completion of an Individualized Program from the University College is 124 semester hours and may be more, depending upon the agreed program content.

Academic advisers work with students to design a program of study that matches student interests, background, and skills with The University of Toledo curriculum to create a unique area of emphasis and fulfill the remaining graduation requirements.

Graduates of the Individualized Program find jobs in the specific fields to which their studies are geared. They have the ability to succeed in the arts, in government agencies, and in business organizations. Also, many students choose to continue their education in graduate and professional programs.