



An Individualized Studies degree differs from any other academic program in that it is built around your individual interests/goals and to the specific number of hours that you need for graduation. While no two programs are alike, the following information applies to all Individualized Studies degrees. Additional program information and resources can be found at: [www.utoledo.edu/uc](http://www.utoledo.edu/uc).

### Program Structure

- 120 semester hours are required for graduation (excluding developmental, duplicate and/or repeated classes).
- University and College core requirements must be completed prior to graduation.
- 39 semester hours must be completed at the 3000-4000 level prior to graduation to meet upper division requirements.
- Each ISTU degree must contain an interdisciplinary focus area of at least 18 hours, with classes from two or more departments, no more than six classes from one department or 30 hours from the College of Business and Innovation.
- The University College Curriculum Committee will review ISTU plans of study when there is a concern about duplication of existing degrees or program focus.
- Minors from a variety of areas may be incorporated into an ISTU degree.

### Program Process

- A typed list of all classes to be completed from the first semester in ISTU until you graduate must be submitted no later than the semester prior to graduation, but may be submitted any time after admission to ISTU.
- Contact information and the degree requested (BA or BS) must be supplied on the plan of study for the program submission.
- Your ISTU plan of study must be submitted at least one semester prior to the semester that you plan to graduate. Otherwise, graduation may be delayed.
- ISTU programs cannot duplicate any existing major at UToledo.
- All programs are approved as Bachelor of Arts, unless the following criteria are met for the Bachelor of Science option: Twenty-five percent (25%) of course work applying toward degree must be completed in one of the following areas: Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Sciences and/or Health Education. A minimum of twelve to fifteen (12-15) semester-hours of course work at the 3000- 4000 level in the above areas must also be completed.

## **Program Benefits**

- At the end of the ISTU Program Review process, you will have a checklist of specific classes that will be completed and provide your road map to graduation.
- You will have created a customized educational experience, based upon your personal needs and aspirations.
- You may take classes from a wide variety of disciplines and have the resources of the entire University at your disposal.
- You will be able to apply the maximum amount of transfer and previously earned credit of any program at UToledo.
- You may take classes in any format offered by UToledo (day, night, on-line, hybrid).
- You may incorporate credit earned through Prior Learning Assessment (e.g. CLEP and AP exams, Portfolio, Military, etc.) in your ISTU program. See an Academic Advisor for more information.

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