

# **Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS) Completion Requirements**

The Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies degree consists of 120 credits (40 courses) in multiple disciplines. 42 of those 120 credits must be taken at the 3000 level or above. These disciplines and the course requirements are described below.

The ability to use the English language orally and in writing, the ability to understand and use basic mathematical symbols, and the mastery of basic computer skills are required of all students in the Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies program.

## **I. General Education Requirements (52 credits)**

### **1. Written and Oral Communication (9 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Research and write documents that evaluate information and opinion in a logical and analytical manner using appropriate style, grammar, and mechanics.
- Prepare and deliver effective oral presentations using relevant technology and rhetorical style.

#### **Written Communication (6 credits)**

This requirement consists of six credits in College Writing (WRIT1002 and WRIT1003). Based on placement exam scores, some students may be required to complete developmental course(s) WRIT 1000 and/or WRIT 1001 (credits earned are placed in the free elective area) to achieve prerequisite skills before enrolling in WRIT 1002.

#### **Oral/Professional Communication (3 credits)**

Select SPCH 1155, COMM 2099, or other approved courses. Please consult with your academic advisor when selecting a course to fulfill this requirement.

### **2. Information and Technological Literacy (3 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Identify and parse information sources in a variety of physical, print, digital, and online formats.
- Use this collected information to conduct research and analyze data for professional purposes.
- Please consult with your academic advisor when selecting a course to fulfill this requirement.

### **3. Ethical Reasoning (3 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Identify ethical issues in case-based scenarios.
- Analyze and interpret the processes by which various claims are made and reliable conclusions may be reached.

Please consult with your academic advisor when selecting a course to fulfill this requirement.

### **4. Global and Cultural Understanding (6 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Analyze global issues from multiple viewpoints with an understanding of why and how these issues matter and interconnect.
- Recognize, appreciate, and mediate cultural differences.

#### **Cross Cultural Understanding (3 credits)**

Select UNIV 2001

#### **Global Understanding (3 credits)**

Select UNIV 2002

### **5. Scientific and Quantitative Analysis (11 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Use the scientific method of inquiry to explain the nature of the scientific enterprise specific to one natural sciences discipline.
- Apply mathematical methods to analyze and interpret quantitative information in solving problems and making decisions within their professions.

#### **Lab Science (8 credits)**

Choose one four-credit course with a mandatory lab component from the following disciplines Biology (BIOL), Chemistry (CHEM), Environmental Science (ENVR), Marine Biology (MBIO), or Physics (PHYS).

#### **College Math (3 credits)**

Take 3 credits from among the following course options: MATH 1101, 1105, 1107, 1126, 1128, 1201, or 1203. The course selected will depend on the home campus, Accuplacer test scores, and program of study. Those with placement scores below the standards for these courses must complete courses to improve prerequisite skills. These include MATH 1000 and/or MATH 1100 (credits placed in the free elective area).

### **6. Social and Behavioral Scientific Analysis (6 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate the ability to:

- Comprehend and analyze human behavioral actions.
- Comprehend and analyze social relationships within human society.
- Interpret information with an awareness of how data is presented and identify potential bias.

### **Social Science (3 credits)**

Take 3 credits from the following disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Communication Studies (COMM), Economics (ECON), Environmental Studies (ENVS), Geography (GEOG), Government and Politics (GOVT), Sociology (SOCI), or Sustainability (SUST).

### **Behavioral Science (3 credits)**

Take 3 credits from the following disciplines: Criminal Justice (CRIM), Criminology (CMLGY), or Psychology (PSYC).

## **7. Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities (12 credits)**

FDU graduates will demonstrate ability to:

- Identify, describe, and appreciate aesthetic, linguistic, and/or literary materials produced by human thought and imagination.
- Conduct critical inquiry, analysis, and interpretation of these materials.

### **Creative and Expressive Arts (6 credits)**

Choose one course from the following disciplines: Animation (ANIM), Animation Humanities (ANIMH), Art (ART), Art History (ARTH), Graphic Design (CGD), Graphic Design Humanities (CGDH), Cinema Studies (CINE), Creative Writing (CREW), Dance (DAN), Dance Humanities (DANH), Filmmaking (FILM), Music (MUSIC), Music Humanities (MUSIH), Theater (THEA), or Theater Humanities (THEAH).

### **Humanities (6 credits)**

Choose one course from the following disciplines: African American Studies (AFAM), English (ENGL) History (HIST), Humanities (HUMN), Literature (LITS), Philosophy (PHIL), or Religion (RELI).

## **First Year Seminar courses (2 credits)**

1. UNIV 1001 Transitioning to University Life (1 credit)
2. UNIV 1002 Preparing for Professional Life (1 credit)

Transfer students entering the University with 30 or more credits will be exempted from taking Transitioning to University Life (UNIV 1001). Transfer students entering the University with 45 or more credits will be exempted from taking Preparing for Professional Life (UNIV 1002).

## **II. Major Requirements (24 credits)**

### **International Perspective – 3 credits (1 course)**

Increasingly, economic, political and cultural interdependence define our global landscape. Being able to situate your values, belief and culture in this global context is essential.

This requirement may be met through one of a variety of designated courses from anthropology, business, economics, literature, fine arts, history, music, philosophy, political science or sociology.

### **Advanced Writing – 3 credits (1 course)**

In our interconnected world, mastery of advanced writing skills is essential for success in both professional and academic settings. This course focuses on enhancing your ability to craft clear, persuasive, and impactful written content.

This requirement must be met with a writing-intensive course at the 2000 level or above.

## **III. Specialized Studies: 18 Credits**

In addition to providing liberal arts skills and broad exposure to the major bodies of knowledge, the B.A. individualized studies program also allows students the opportunity to pursue a **single or double area of study in depth**. A minimum of 18 credits must be completed in each discipline or recognized specialization. Certain limitations apply, including a restriction on the number of courses offered by the Silberman College of Business that can be completed and applied toward the degree.

### **Specialization Areas (non-exclusive)**

**Applied Technology** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Computer programming
- Software development
- Computer systems analyst
- Technological support
- Webmaster or maintenance

**Business** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Accounting/Finance
- Human resources
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- Management

**Communications** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Business
- Marketing communications
- Public relations

- Digital media
- Training/Education

**Hospitality & Tourism** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Catering
- Events organization
- Tourism
- Hotel management
- Restaurant management

**International Relations** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Government
- Politics
- United Nations/Ambassadorship
- Non-governmental organizations
- International business

**Humanities** – suitable for students interested in pursuing careers in:

- Government
- Nonprofit organizations
- Teaching
- Media & technical writing
- Publishing & editing

#### **IV. Free Electives (44 credits)**

It is recommended that interdisciplinary electives be chosen to support the area of specialization.