

Individualized Studies- Bachelor of Arts

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The AB in Individualized Studies offers an academic home for students with multiple interests to develop their own plan of study by integrating a set of core classes with courses chosen by the student from almost any area of study. Western courses explore diverse subjects but share a strong interdisciplinary theme. By emphasizing the importance of studying complex issues from multiple perspectives, these courses equip students with skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and objective analysis. The individualized portion of the major is designed by students in close consultation with faculty and staff advisors, and draws from courses across the university, including study abroad, independent studies, and/or credit-bearing internships. The degree culminates in a student-designed project that positions students for entry into graduate school or the workplace.

Program Requirements

(43 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Introductory courses		
WST 231	Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3
WST 251	Individualized Studies Seminar	1
Core courses in interdisciplinary and integrative studies		
WST 301	Interdisciplinary Problems and Questions	3
WST 321 or WST 322	Developing Interdisciplinary Projects: Exploring Ways of Knowing Developing Interdisciplinary Projects: Art and Politics of Representation	3
WST 341	Interdisciplinary Synthesis and Action	3
Individualized coursework component		
Select a minimum of 24 hours ¹		24
Senior Project		
WST 421	Senior Project Proposal Workshop	3
WST 444	Senior Workshop and Project	3
Total Credit Hours		43

¹ Building upon the individualized plan of study completed in WST 251, students select and complete coursework at the 200-level or above from around the university to build content knowledge in specific area(s) of focus. Students might choose to pattern their individualized plan on an existing multidisciplinary Thematic Sequence or an interdisciplinary minor within the university, but will be expected to go well beyond what is already in place at Miami to flesh out their unique areas of study. Plans of study, subject to approval by a faculty advisor, may include study abroad, independent study, and/or credit-bearing internships as

appropriate. The individualized component forms an important knowledge base for constructing the senior project.