

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES, A.A.S.

Major Code: 0688

This program is also offered at the Norwich Campus.

The Individual Studies degree program provides flexible educational opportunities to students who are exploring their academic and career options or who have unique educational goals. Students are provided with academic advisement and career guidance that allows them to design an individualized plan of study. Students may take coursework in a variety of areas, including business, psychology, natural sciences, natural resources and renewable energy, criminal justice, computer information systems, agriculture, journalism, hospitality, the healthcare professions, and others.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and reasoning skills.
- Identify, analyze, and evaluate arguments as they occur in their own or others' work.
- Develop well-reasoned and persuasive arguments.
- Demonstrate effective information management skills.
- Perform the basic operations of personal computer use.
- Understand and use basic research techniques.
- Locate, evaluate, and synthesize information from a variety of sources.
- Demonstrate readiness to join the workforce or pursue further study through the effective application of skill in communication, critical thinking and reasoning, and information management.

SUNY General Education Requirements: (<https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/general-education/suny-ge/>) All SUNY Morrisville AAS degree programs require completion of at least 20 credits of SUNY GE, a minimum of seven (out of ten) knowledge and skills areas (including the four required knowledge and skills areas as indicated below), and completion of the two core competencies. The specific courses required within each knowledge and skills area/core competency for this degree program are outlined below.

Knowledge and Skills Areas:

Communication Written & Oral (required)	COMM 105
Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (required)	as advised
Mathematics (and Quantitative Reasoning) (required)	as advised
Natural Sciences (and Scientific Reasoning) (required)	as advised
Humanities	COMP 102
Social Sciences	as advised
The Arts	as advised
US History and Civic Engagement	as advised
World History and Global Awareness	as advised
World Languages	as advised

Core Competencies:

Critical Thinking and Reasoning (required)	COMM 105, COMP 102
Information Literacy (required)	COMM 105

Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 60 credits is required for degree completion.

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 105	Research & Communication	3
COMP 102	Writing About Literature	3
SUNY General Education Natural Sciences (and Scientific Reasoning) as Advised		3
SUNY General Education Mathematics (and Quantitative Reasoning) as Advised		3
SUNY General Education Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice as Advised		3
SUNY General Education Courses in the Arts, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice, Social Sciences, US History and Civic Engagement, World History and Global Awareness; or World Languages as Advised		6
Additional Elective Credits as Advised		39
Total Credits		60

Sample Course Sequence

Course Sequences are individualized and built in consultation with each student's academic advisor.