

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR – MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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Often, students possess a broad range of interests that do not fit into a “traditional” major. The MDS is designed so that the graduate can synthesize and apply skills and knowledge from multiple disciplines to address complex issues encountered in society, career and personal life. The area of concentration chosen will determine whether the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in General Studies is awarded.

The MDS degree program consists of a course of study comprised of three academic minors from various disciplines, plus an MDS Capstone course. A variety of predetermined, recommended combinations of specific minors are available to the student. However, the student has the option to make his or her own choice of minors with the guidance of the MDS program advisor.

Examples:

- Political Science / History / Professional Writing
- Entrepreneurship / Business / Professional Writing
- Entrepreneurship / Business / Graphic Design
- Psychology / Criminal Justice / Political Science
- Psychology / Art / History

Students pursuing this degree option must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
- Amass a total of 30 upper-division credit hours, 15 of which must be earned during the senior year;
- Keep a cumulative University of Charleston grade point average of 2.0
- Declare an area of concentration based on the courses completed
- Demonstrate achievement of exit-level standard for at least one academic minor
- Complete all UC Liberal Learning Outcomes, AND
- Successfully complete the General Studies Capstone course.

Approved Academic Minor	Credits Required for Minor	Approved Academic Minor	Credits Required for Minor
Regional Studies	18	Music	23
Art	18	Political Science	18
Biology	19	Professional Writing	18
Business Administration	21	Psychology	18
Chemistry	18	Sport Business	18
Criminal Justice	18		
Entrepreneurship	19		
Graphic Design	21		
History	18		
Communication	18		