

DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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The Individualized Studies program within University College allows the student to design their own bachelor's degree program.

A degree pathway is created based upon individual academic interests and career goals. This degree option may be of interest to adult learners, college transfers or military veterans who may also earn credit for college-level volunteer, academic, work, military and/or life experiences.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

All new University College students who have not already completed a comparable University of Toledo orientation course are required to complete UC 1000.

PASS/NO CREDIT GRADES

The option of a Pass/No Credit Grade is not available to a University College Bachelor's Degree Student unless this is the only grading option for the course. However, a grade of Pass obtained while a student was enrolled in another college may be transferred to University College provided it is applicable to the student's new program

ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS DEGREE PROGRAMS

General Studies (associate's degree) and Liberal Studies (bachelor's degree) accept students without college credit, but require a high school diploma or GED and a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 (if applicable). For students who have earned college credit, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission.

TRANSFERRING INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS (ISP) DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students wishing to transfer into ISP degree programs must meet the minimum entrance requirements of The University of Toledo. Students wishing to transfer into any ISP baccalaureate program must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 higher education GPA (i.e., combined GPA for all coursework taken at post-secondary institutions) and a minimum 2.0 UT GPA, if applicable. The Individualized Studies program requires completion of 20 semester-hours of college credit and a cumulative 2.0 GPA to transfer. Students who do not meet this GPA requirement can be admitted to the College's Department of Exploratory Studies and work toward meeting the admission requirements for the degree programs. Courses from an approved institution may be used, as applicable, toward

a student's program of study. However, the maximum number of effective transferable credits is 90 semester-hours for all Baccalaureate degrees. A maximum of 81 hours at the 1000 or 2000 level can be applied to the Individualized Studies or Liberal Studies degrees. The General Section of this catalog has information on admission and transfer.

Admission to earn a Second bachelor's Degree

A graduate of an accredited institution of higher education may apply to University College for a second bachelor's degree. An acceptable program of study in this case entails a minimum of 30 semester hours of additional work. **Any student who has earned a bachelor's degree from University College in an Individualized or University Studies program may not earn a second degree in an Individualized or University Studies program.**

Degrees Offered

- Associate of Arts in General Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/university-college/interdisciplinary-special-programs/aa-general-studies/>)
- Associate of Technical Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/university-college/interdisciplinary-special-programs/associate-technical-studies/>)
- Individualized Studies (B.A. or B.S.) (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/university-college/interdisciplinary-special-programs/individualized-studies/>)
- Liberal Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/university-college/interdisciplinary-special-programs/liberal-studies/>)

The University of Toledo offers all students of exceptional academic ability the opportunity to enter a special program of academic rigor and challenge. For further details on the Honors Program, students should contact their advisor(s). Students who have demonstrated exceptional promise may be invited to participate in University College Honors. These students' programs will be developed in close conjunction with the college honors advisor. The minimum requirements for consideration for the University College Honors Program are 20 hours of completed course work and at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

AL 3500 Fundamentals of Interdisciplinary Research [3 credit hours]

This course is designed as a foundational course for University College for all University Studies (UNVI) and Liberal Studies degree program students. It is the required prerequisite course for students needing to take the Senior Capstone (AL 4950 or AL 4940) courses. It is a review of the research process course designed for undergraduate students majoring in all disciplines. It emphasizes the fundamentals of conducting college-level research and the practice of writing about and properly citing that process.

AL 4940 Field Experiences and Internship

[4 credit hours]

The purpose of this class is to provide a culminating experience of self-reflection, academic research, and critical thinking as an experiential-learning capstone to your multi-disciplinary University College undergraduate degree program. The overall objective is that you design a professional portfolio that reflects this learning experience. AL 4940 is completed under the guidance of the instructor of record and it must be completed prior to graduation. Permit required.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**AL 4950 Senior Capstone**

[4 credit hours]

The purpose of this class is to provide a culminating integrative experience of self-reflection, academic research, and critical thinking as a capstone to your multi-disciplinary University College undergraduate degree program. This course will result in a Senior Final Project – an Annotated Bibliography and a Multimedia Presentation of your research - in which you will learn, practice and demonstrate skills that will prove your proficiency and facility with the research process. Students will design a Capstone Project based upon research related to an area of concentration.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**ALS 3040 Topical Seminar: Social Sciences**

[4 credit hours]

Focus on topics of general interest to liberal arts students with particular reference to tools, concepts and analytical methods of social scientists. Jr. Standing required and completion of Comp. II, or permission of instructor.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1130 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1140 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1150 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1170 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1180 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1190 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2950 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2960 with a minimum grade of D-

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**ALS 3050 Topical Seminar: Humanities**

[4 credit hours]

Focus of general interest in humanities; writing and communication; religious, philosophical and ideological traditions; traditional and performing arts. Jr. Standing required and completion of Comp. II, or permission of instructor.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1130 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1140 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1150 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1170 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1180 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1190 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2950 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2960 with a minimum grade of D-

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**ALS 3060 Topical Seminar: Natural Sciences**

[4 credit hours]

Topics of general interest that consider scientific problem solving in such areas as biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy, physics, mathematics and statistics. Jr. Standing required and completion of Comp. II, or permission of instructor.

Prerequisites: ENGL 1130 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1140 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1150 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1170 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1180 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 1190 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2950 with a minimum grade of D- or ENGL 2960 with a minimum grade of D-

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**UC 0910 Rocket Reboot**

[0 credit hours]

Rocket Reboot is an academic recovery program for students receiving their first academic alert to support each student on the path to graduation.

UC 0920 Rocket Recharge

[0 credit hours]

Rocket Recharge is an academic recovery program for all students on academic warning. The course is designed to infuse necessary skills and mentorship to avoid further academic discipline.

UC 0930 New Beginnings

[0 credit hours]

New Beginnings is a financial literacy course for all participants in the program returning from financial hardship. This course is a non-graded course for registration into that program.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall**UC 1000 Orientation**

[1 credit hour]

An orientation to college for incoming first year students. It is designed to equip students with tools for academic success.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall**UC 1010 Study Abroad Orientation**

[0 credit hours]

This course focuses on the theory and practice of interacting with or living and studying in other cultures that are different. This course provides the students with an informed cross-cultural perspective and the critical thinking skills necessary for a successful experience. Students will gain an understanding of the concept of culture, cross-cultural communication skills, as well as practical tools for making the most of an intercultural experience, including study abroad. The course is of particular relevance for students who plan on participating in experiential learning, where they will engage with people from other cultures. This could be a study abroad or faculty-led program experience, but it could also be an internship or volunteer experience. The expectation is that students engage with and follow the course throughout the semester, complete the assignments, examine and think critically about the material and participate class discussions, and affirm with their overall engagement that they have made a proactive choice to be in the course. Qualified students may have the opportunity to take part in a CISP-organized experiential learning trip to an international destination.

Term Offered: Spring, Fall

UC 1120 Career And Self-Evaluation

[2 credit hours]

This course offers an opportunity to explore two important considerations in choosing a career: (1) career opportunities and requirements, (2) individual interests, abilities, skills, needs, values and goals. Students will have opportunities to develop a resume, complete career and interest assessments, investigate a variety of majors at UT and create a personalized career action plan.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

UC 1130 Information Literacy for College Research

[3 credit hours]

This course will provide information literacy skills specific to accessing sources and materials appropriate for university level research. Students will acquire a broader knowledge of library services and resources. Additionally, students will learn to apply research logic in order to utilize library catalogs, electronic databases, the World Wide Web, and print resources. By building experiential knowledge, students will gain an understanding of information creation, dissemination, and applications through utilizing various research strategies and scholarly communication.

Term Offered: Fall

Core Arts & Humanities

UC 1150 Orientation: Strategies for College Success

[3 credit hours]

Acquaints students with the services, policies, procedures and layout of the University, along with relevant study skills and student learning services available campus-wide. Required of all pre-major students; optional for others.

UC 1940 Learning Through Service

[2 credit hours]

Students will be involved four hours a week in various community service projects and analyze and reflect on their experiences through journals, discussion and a final paper in a weekly seminar (local, domestic and International).

UC 2980 Special Topics

[1-4 credit hours]

Special Topics is an opportunity to create and pilot potential courses at a 2000 level.

Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

UC 4980 Special Topics

[1-4 credit hours]

Topics of interest to University College students offered by various instructors. Open to any University College student.