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All students matriculating through the Department of Developmental Studies as department advisees receive a program of freshman-year courses, developmental advisement, and academic support services and are transferred to advisement in their college at the end of a successful freshman year.

The Center for Learning Enhancement

The department provides educational support services in the areas of reading, mathematics, biological and physical sciences, foreign languages, social sciences, study skills, and related areas. These services are provided by both professional and undergraduate paraprofessional staff. Students are encouraged to participate in a broad array of program services including one-to-one and group tutorials, workshops, and Supplemental Instruction sessions provided by a trained staff of undergraduate peer educators. These services focus on historically difficult academic courses and majors.

Act 101 Program

Students identified as eligible for Act 101 support receive the Department of Developmental Studies complete freshman program. The program, created as a result of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act 101 in 1971 by the legislature of the commonwealth, focuses on servicing IUP students to make the ideal of equal educational opportunity a reality for all qualified students.

The department offers two Act 101 programs—one on the main campus and another at the Punxsutawney Regional Campus. The office is located in 202 Pratt Hall. Further information about the Department of Developmental Studies and the Act 101 program can be obtained by calling 724-357-2729 or at the website www.iup.edu/devstudies.

Associate of Arts—General Studies

The associate of arts degree program in general studies is designed for the nontraditional or adult learner who seeks to acquire a broad base of knowledge in the liberal arts. This program consists of the core of Liberal Studies requirements of the bachelor's degree programs plus 10 credits of electives. Among the total courses required for graduation, all students must take at least one designated writing-intensive course. This course may be in the student's primary major or may come from Liberal Studies, college or major requirements, or free electives. Course requirements are sometimes adjusted for individuals. No more that 30 credits may be transferred into this degree program from other colleges.

Department of Developmental Studies

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The Department of Developmental Studies is committed to helping underprepared students prepare, prepared students advance, and advanced students excel. With this motto as its mission, the department provides various academic support services to all IUP students.

The department offers a package of freshman seminar courses designed to prepare first-year students with the skills and knowledge important to college success. These three 1-credit courses count toward graduation and include DVST 150, 160, and 170.

The department offers a precollege experience to all incoming first-year students called CUSP: The Early Entrance Experience. This program starts one week before fall classes and includes the course DVST 150 plus activities, workshops, and seminars to orient students to the higher education experience, to IUP in particular, and to the factors in student success.

In addition, the department offers courses that develop learning skills to enhance academic success. Courses in developmental mathematics and reading are offered for institutional credit. Institutional credit counts in determining full-time enrollment status but not in determining credits applicable for degree eligibility at graduation. DVST 110, a 2-credit course that can be used for undergraduate graduation credit, is often linked with another content course.

Associate of Arts—General Studies

Liberal Studies: As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the 49 following specifications: Fine Arts 3cr **Dimensions of Wellness/ROTC** 3cr Humanities 9cr **Learning Skills** 9cr Natural Science: Option II 7cr Social Science 9cr **Controlled Liberal Studies Electives** 9cr Free Electives: 11 **Total Degree Requirements:** 60

Bachelor of Science—General Studies

The bachelor of science degree program in general studies is designed for the mature adult student, who under faculty advisement can explore and develop an individualized plan of study that does not approach any existing IUP major. This individually designed plan of study must be based on a specific theme that incorporates basic and applied course work within a theoretical framework culminating in a senior-year independent research project. At the time of application for degree candidacy or transfer from another major, the student must submit a plan of study that contains the proposed theme, rationale, and courses needed to satisfy the special interest area. A faculty member will be assigned to assist with the plan of study before acceptance to degree candidacy.

The student's plan of study, which is designed to fulfill the special interest area, must be approved by the associate dean for Academic Affairs.

Bachelor of Science—General Studies

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section

General Area of Study: (1, 2)

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Choose at least 6cr from three of the four areas listed below. At least 12cr must be 300-level or above. Courses should relate to theme developed in special interest area.

Arts, Letters, and Culture Area: Art, Communications Media, English, French, German, Journalism and Public Relations, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish, Theater

Human Behavior and Development Area: Anthropology, Education, Health, Family and Consumer Sciences, Psychology, Sociology

Science, Mathematics, and Technology Area: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, and relevant courses in education

Social and Political Systems Area: Economics, Education, Employment and Labor Relations, Geography and Regional Planning, History, Political Science

Special Interest Area: (3)

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With approval of advisor, student may select, from any department listed above, courses that focus on a particular need or interest. At least 12cr must be 300-level or above. The program must include either one research course that provides opportunities for extensive writing or an independent study project. Some courses will not be available to general studies majors.

Electives: 26

At least 6cr must be 300-level or above

Total Degree Requirements:

120

- Individually planned themes may not duplicate any existing degree programs that are otherwise available at IUP, nor may they be used to circumvent specific requirements within an existing major.
- (2) No more than 30cr taken in any one department will count toward graduation.
- (3) In the application of university policies, the special interest area is considered as the major. Specifically, to graduate, students must be in academic good standing and attain a 2.0 GPA in the special interest area.