

Individualized Studies (AS)

60 Credits

The Individualized Studies degree is ideal for working adults and/or students who have well-defined career goals and who wish to build their own program of study. In earning an Associate of Science degree, students have the opportunity to develop competencies in both distinct and emerging fields unavailable through existing degree programs. Students create an academic plan by combining complementary coursework from existing disciplines along with core Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements.

The program requires submission of a written degree plan initiated by the student with assistance from the dean of an appropriate division, or an academic counselor/faculty member. Students use a plan template to guide the degree planning process that they submit to the relevant academic dean's office. The approval of an industry representative must also be obtained when the degree plan applies to a specific career field. The plan must also demonstrate transferability to at least one four-year accredited institution, even when it may not be the intention of the student to transfer immediately upon degree completion.

Core Courses – 30 Credits

Select coursework from at least two discipline areas

Coursework from selected discipline area 1	9
Coursework from selected discipline area 2	9
Additional courses to reach a minimum of 30 Specialized Program credits	12

Note: Coursework will be determined in consultation with Normandale faculty and/or administration

Additional Required Courses 30 Credits

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
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Complete one of the following three courses:

COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COMM 1111	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
COMM 1121	Small Group Communication	3 cr

Complete one course from MnTC Goal 3 or 4 (3 Credits)

Complete one course from MnTC Goal 5 (3 Credits)

Complete one course from MnTC Goal 6 (3 Credits)

Complete 6 credits from two different of the following MnTC Goals 7, 8, 9 or 10

Complete additional MnTC courses to reach a minimum of 30 MnTC Credits

Other Degree Requirements

- If needed, complete additional courses to reach 60 college-level credits total.
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.

Coursework in this degree program satisfies a portion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Please see MnTC Degree Audit Report.