

Pine Technical & Community College

Individualized Studies

- Associate of Applied Science
- Diploma

The purpose of the individualized studies degree is to provide students with the opportunity to specialize in two or more academic areas. As more industry partners and students identify niche needs and skills, these flexible degree options provide the rigor and focus needed for an individual student’s career goals that are not represented in other degree offerings.

Transfer Opportunities. The College of Individualized Studies at Metropolitan State University has developed an articulation agreement that will accept in transfer any AAS or AS degree into their Bachelor of Arts Individualized Studies program.

Curriculum

If after consulting with their advisor a student determines an individualized studies program meets their career goals, the student will work with the advisor to plan a program that reflects the student’s professional and personal goals. The student will construct with an advisor, other faculty, and industry representatives a degree plan that meets both the requirements of Minnesota State’s “Design Criteria for Undergraduate Individualized Programs” policy, and Pine Technical & Community College’s requirements for a degree. Once the required procedures are completed, the degree plan will be filed with the Registrar.

DIPLOMA - 45 credits

Curriculum Design

Multidisciplinary: Minimum of 9 credits required in at least 2 unrelated areas of study.

Interdisciplinary: Minimum of 9 credits in at least 2 thematically related areas of study

Intradisciplinary: Minimum of 32 credits from one area of study

AAS - 60 credits

Curriculum Design

Multidisciplinary: Minimum of 9 credits required in at least 2 unrelated areas of study.

Interdisciplinary: Minimum of 9 credits in at least 2 thematically related areas of study

Intradisciplinary: Minimum of 32 credits from one area of study

Procedure

The following are the procedures for obtaining an individualized studies degree:

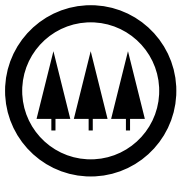
- The student will contact their advisor with a preliminary plan for degree development
- In consultation with the student, the advisor will identify other possible faculty and/or industry representatives to further assist the student in degree planning
- The advisor will assist the student in development of the proposal; the proposal must include justification for specialization and a list of courses which meet the individualized studies degree requirement
- The student will obtain the approval and signature of the Department Chair from each department for which student lists courses and from involved industry partners

After obtaining the Department Chair(s) signature(s), the student will obtain the approval and signature of the Chief Academic Officer.

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Get the Credit You Deserve!

What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) values learning that happens outside of the classroom. Many students enrolling at PTCC bring with them a wealth of knowledge and real-world experiences that can be turned into college credit.

Ways students can gain Credit for Prior Learning:

- Job skills and work experience
- Employer training programs
- Volunteer or community services
- Self-study
- Military education and occupations
- Industry certifications
- High school articulate college credit
- Standardized exams

Earning Credit for Prior Learning is Easy

1. Visit the CPL website at mycpl.minnstate.edu to see a full list of eligible courses, requirements, and assessment methods to determine if CPL is right for you.
2. Reach out to records@pine.edu to discuss CPL opportunities, payment (if required), and assessment information.

New to PTCC? Visit Campus!

- Take a campus tour
- Learn about scholarships
- Meet the admissions team
- Tour housing and The REC

Book an appointment to explore PTCC!

Sign up to visit in person, or virtually, to learn more about PTCC programs, admissions requirements, housing options, and more.



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