



Pine Technical &  
Community College

# INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

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 individual student's career goals that are not represented in other degree offerings. This flexible degree program requires consultation with an industry representative and Pine Technical College faculty to assist in course selection for a coherent program of study that meets industry needs.



COLLEGE CATALOG 2026-27



45 Credits  
Earns a Diploma



60 Credits  
Earns an AAS



60 Credits  
Earns an AS



\$220 per Credit  
on Average



18:1 Student/Instructor  
Ratio on Average

## Program Delivery Mode: On-Campus Plus

### Individualized Studies 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

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### Individualized Studies AS

(60 credits)

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- Intradisciplinary: Not applicable; requirements defined by the articulation agreement

## Transfer Opportunities

The College of Individualized Studies at Metropolitan State University has developed an articulation agreement that will accept into to transfer any A.A.S. or A.S. degree into their Bachelor of Arts Individualized Studies program.

## Curriculum

A student who in consultation with the student's advisor determines an unusually specialized program is appropriate to meet the student's career goals will work with the advisor to plan an individualized studies program that reflects the student's professional and personal goals. After the initial consultation, the student will construct with an advisor, other faculty, and industry representatives a degree plan that meets both the requirements of MinnState's "Design Criteria for Undergraduate Individualized Programs" policy and Pine Technical College's requirements for a degree. Once the required procedures are completed, the degree plan will be filed with the Registrar.

## Procedure:

The following are the procedures for an individualized studies degree:

- The student will contact his/her 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 the 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 the student lists courses for the proposed degree 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

## Get the Credit You Deserve!

### What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

PTCC awards college credit for knowledge gained outside the classroom, including work and life experience.

### You may qualify through:

- Job skills/work experience
- Employer training
- Military education
- Industry certifications
- Volunteer service
- Self-study
- High school articulated credit
- Standardized exams

### Getting Started is Easy:

- Visit [mycpl.minnstate.edu](http://mycpl.minnstate.edu) to view eligible courses and requirements.
- Contact [records@pine.edu](mailto:records@pine.edu) for guidance on options, assessments, and any applicable fees.

## 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!



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