

Henderson State University
Bachelor of Integrated Studies Degree Program

The BIS program is designed to utilize existing university resources in developing a personalized, challenging plan of study. Students most suitable to the BIS program are those who 1) want to pursue a unique field of study not currently in the regular curricular offerings, 2) are undecided about career goals and wish to pursue various university resources to help them in finding a more specific path to follow; 3) desire an education motivated by self-interest with no specific intent to use the degree for career purposes; or 4) who need a degree to advance in their chosen profession or to go on to graduate school, but the type of degree is not specified by their employer or graduate program of choice. While empowered to make many curricular decisions themselves, students in the BIS program work closely with their advisors to ensure they graduate with those skills critical to the mission of Henderson State University.

The plan of study for each student must be developed with an advisor and approved before officially registering as a BIS student. A list of possible courses for each area of emphasis and for the technology component must be included.

A minimum of 15 semester hours of credit must be earned after a student has enrolled in the Bachelor of Integrated Studies program, in order for the student to be qualified and eligible to receive the BIS degree (the 15 credit clock will not start until the following semester for those changing their majors after midterm). These 15 hours do not supersede the Henderson residing policy. In developing the plan of study, students are reminded that at least 42 hours must be taken at the junior and/or senior level. A maximum of seven hours of "D" will be accepted in the LAC and elective area, but a grade of "C" or better is required in all other areas.

Degree requirements:

Liberal Arts Core 45

Critical Thinking/Technology 12

(Must take courses from both areas)

Areas of Emphases - 15 hours each 45

(Must have at least 15 hours from a single discipline but no more than 30 from one emphasis area)

Electives (to complete 120-hour degree)

Emphasis Areas:

Aviation

Business

Education A (EDE/EDU/EDM/SPE)

Education B (HPE/HPR/ATP)

Eng/Foreign Language/Philosophy

Family and Consumer Sciences

Fine Arts (no more than 3 areas)

Mathematics and Computer Science

Military Science

Recreation

Sociology/Psychology

Sciences/Pre-Nursing

Social Sciences

Interdisciplinary (Courses to be selected by student and advisor, with approval of advisor. Maximum of 15 hours in Interdisciplinary studies.)

Writing Intensive Requirement:

Students must complete a total of 1 writing intensive courses (WI) representing one of the chosen emphasis areas.

BIS Critical Thinking/Technology Courses

While it is difficult to compile a comprehensive list of which courses are “critical thinking” and which are “technology,” the following list is intended as a guide:

Critical Thinking Courses:

- Any course from the discipline of Philosophy, for example PHI2013/Intro to Philosophy or any other course with a PHI prefix
- Any foreign language
- LIB3003/Library Research Methods – highly recommended if you are doing research papers
- **HUM3083/Honors Seminar***
- **HUM3073/Honors Colloquium***

Technology Courses

- CSC2003/Intro to Computers OR BIS2073/Fundamentals of Information Systems
- CSC2163/Computer Applications
- BTE2133/Word Processing I
- BTE3143/Word Processing II
- BTE4163/Desktop Publishing
- There are other disciplines that offer courses that are technology (computer/computer app) based. Your advisor will help guide you in their selection

NOTE: Students must take courses from both areas

*Requires a 3.25 cumulative gpa or permission from Honors College Director