Associate of Individualized Studies

Program Description
The Associate in Individualized Studies degree is perfect for students who wish to earn a two-year degree to set future goals and to discover areas of interests. Upon completion, students can go back and build upon the degree and earn a Bachelor's degree. The Associate in Individualized Studies is perfect groundwork for students to discover their futures.

Students who wish to pursue a two-year program of study in a field other than those available through one of the other associate's degrees options may design their own program of study to meet particular goals.

To be admitted to the program, students must complete an application and schedule an interview with an advisor. Admission to the program is granted only upon review of the application by a review committee.

Policy on Second Associate Degrees
Students who have already earned an associate's degree are not permitted to earn the Associate of Individualized Studies degree.

Application Toward Bachelor's Degree
Credit earned while enrolled at Ohio University associate's degree program will be applied toward an Ohio University baccalaureate degree program. Students who intend to complete a baccalaureate degree should complete Ohio University General Education Requirements while working toward the associate's degree.

Associate's Degree after Baccalaureate Degree
Students who have already earned a baccalaureate degree may pursue an Associate in Individualized Studies degree, depending on the rationale for doing so and the desired area of concentration. The Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science degree is not an appropriate objective if the student has already earned a baccalaureate degree.

To submit an application for admission, applicants must currently be enrolled as degree-seeking students.

Graduation Requirements
Although there are no specific course or academic area requirements (other than Tier I English Composition and Quantitative skills), the application must outline the intended course of study, and it must include a proposed area of concentration.

Students must consult with two faculty members in the preparation of their program, one of whom must be from the desired area of concentration.

- Earn 60 credit hours
- Earn at least 20 credit hours after admission to the Associate of Individualized Studies program (degree residency requirement)
- Complete University Tier I freshmen-level requirements in English
- Quantitative skills
- Complete an approved area of concentration, consisting of at least 20 credit hours, which has coherence and educational purpose equivalent to an established degree program.

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