Program Description
The Bachelor of Specialized Studies program affords undergraduate students at Ohio University Zanesville the opportunity to design an area of concentration, which stands as the equivalent of an established major. The program permits students to combine available curricula to create a unique field of study.

Typically, the Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree is not an appropriate degree program for someone who has previously completed a bachelor’s degree. In special circumstances, a person who has completed a prior bachelor’s degree may petition the director of degree programs to seek permission to apply for and complete the B.S.S. degree. The program is not an appropriate choice as a second degree program (double major).

The Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree program reflects the recognition that degree programs, as varied as they are at Ohio University Zanesville, cannot satisfy the legitimate educational requirements of all students. Through Specialized Studies, students may construct an individualized degree.

Program Requirements
Students in the Bachelor of Specialized Studies program may complete one or more academic minors, as long as the courses taken to meet the minor requirements are not included in the Bachelor of Specialized Studies area of concentration. Students must indicate their intention to complete a minor at the time they submit the Bachelor of Specialized Studies application. Courses required to earn a certificate may be included in the area of concentration.

To submit an application to the Specialized Studies program for consideration, students must:
1. Be currently registered as a degree-seeking student
2. Be considered a sophomore or must have completed 30 semester hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA
3. Have all transfer credits equated to Ohio University courses

Graduation Requirements:
1. Earn 120 hours, of which at least 39 must be courses with catalog numbers at the 3000-level or above, as shown in the Undergraduate Catalog. This does not include graduate level courses.
2. Complete at least 30 hours after being admitted to the Specialized Studies program. This total excludes transfer credit, transient credit, Course Credit by Examination, Independent Study coursework, etc., for which the initial registration occurred prior to application to the Specialized Studies program.
3. Complete 30-50 hours in the self-designed area of concentration approved by the Bachelor of Specialized Studies review committee. The area of concentration can include courses that are completed, current, and planned at the time of application. The courses included as current and planned in the concentration become requirements for graduation subject to change only by prior permission from a University College advisor and, in some cases, the Bachelor of Specialized Studies review committee. At least 50 percent of the coursework taken for the B.S.S. area of concentration must be completed at Ohio University.
4. Complete the University General Education requirements.
5. Complete a minimum of 32 hours of Ohio University coursework to satisfy the University residency requirement.
6. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in the area of concentration and overall.

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Students who choose to pursue the Bachelor of Specialized Studies program at Ohio University Zanesville will work with the designated B.S.S. advisor to design a course of study that best suits their individual educational goals. The information provided below represents a sample of the programs of study that have been designed by students in the Business Related Concentration:

- Accounting
- Business Law
- Economics
- Management
- Marketing

The Environmental Concentration includes:

- Geography
- Geology
- Plant Biology
- Communications
- Management

The Human Services Concentration offers:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Family Studies
- Counselor Education

The Fine Arts Concentration features:

- Music
- Literature
- Art/Art History
- Film
- Humanities

The Health Related Concentration comprises:

- Health
- Health Care Administration
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Management

The Pre-Law or Politics section includes:

- English
- Business Law
- History
- Political Science
- Journalism
- Communications

The General Education Requirements are as follows:

- ENG 1510 Freshman Composition or Equivalent: 3
- MATH Tier I or Equivalent: 3-4
- ENG 4***J Junior Composition or Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Social Science of Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Natural Science of Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Humanities or Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Fine Arts or Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Cross Cultural Perspectives or Equivalent: 3
- TIER II Applied Science and Math or Equivalent: 3
- TIER II (Student’s Choice): 3
- TIER III or Equivalent: 3