

Professional Studies

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The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies is a degree completion program designed especially for adult and other nontraditional learners. The Professional Studies program provides students with the flexibility to tailor their educational experience to meet both personal and professional objectives. At the same time, the program provides sufficient academic structure to maintain the high standards of a St. Francis College bachelor's degree.

Candidates for admission to the Professional Studies program are typically working adults who have previously undertaken significant coursework at other postsecondary institutions.

Professional Studies students have the option of designing, with faculty advisement, their own individualized undergraduate degree programs. Included in the Professional Studies program is a sequence that fulfills the general education requirement in traditional majors.

In the interest of achieving an additional dimension of educational depth the students in this Program may opt for a Minor from amongst the Minors offered by various departments and complete the requirements as per catalogue description. A maximum of two minor concentrations can be noted on student transcripts as a way of recognizing that they have, in addition to the required major program, also concentrated on one or more additional areas.

Since adults obtain knowledge in many different ways including traditional college classes, online courses, work experience, and community activities Professional Studies students have a variety of opportunities to earn credit for college-level learning undertaken elsewhere. In addition to transferring a significant number of credits from other institutions, students can also

participate in the College's Experiential Learning program, which assists students in earning credit through standardized college-level examinations, portfolio review, and professional training programs.

Goals and Objectives

- To provide a coherent program of study that integrates academic coursework in several areas, lifelong learning, and professional experience within an interactive learning environment.
- To provide a blend of academic structure and flexibility that enables students to define and meet their unique educational goals.
- To maximize the transfer of credits for courses taken at other postsecondary institutions and through additional college-level experiences.
- To enrich students with the skills, discipline, and the perspective of a liberal education.
- To provide an excellent preparation for career enhancement and/or graduate education.

Program Requirements

Department approval is required to declare the Professional Studies major. Each Major must complete a minimum of 30 Institutional Credits even if they have 98 transfer credits (the maximum number permissible).

Professional Studies students have the option of designing their own individualized undergraduate degree programs in consultation with their academic advisor.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies students are required to complete a minimum of 124 credits, broken down as follows:

Major in Professional Studies

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
General Education Program (see page 15).....	33		
First Year College			
➔ITML - Take IT 1001 Computer Tools			
Bodies of Knowledge*			
*Choices made in consultation with Prof Studies Dept. Academic Advisor			
Liberal Arts electives ¹ (for specific academic subjects, see page 15)	33**		
General electives	58**		
Total credits required	124**		

*Note: a maximum of 21 credits may be taken in one subject.

**Note: a minimum of 60 credits must be in the liberal arts.

¹Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree must complete 1/2 of their degree credits (i.e. minimum 60 credits) from courses in the Liberal Arts category. For specific academic subjects, see page 15.

