

INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES ONLINE, B.S.

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Overview

Research shows that employers are looking for professionals with a T shape—having the depth in an area of interest and the breadth to see and think from different perspectives. Employers say these skills are lacking in today's graduates, so the BIPS program was designed to develop them. Students build on existing knowledge in a field while gaining skills that apply to any workplace and any role. The BIPS program offers multiple entry points for new freshman, transfer students as well as change of major students. The core courses in the program contribute to a breadth of knowledge while the courses in a selected 'area of focus' offer the depth of knowledge in a discipline. Six core courses build on each other and help identify patterns, interpret data, work collaboratively to solve problems, and make informed decisions. The Capstone at the end of the program provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning by creating an electronic portfolio.

The BIPS Difference

The program was designed to meet the needs of all students—from the job seeker to the working professional. All BIPS courses are seven weeks long, and offered online. Also, there are no set class times. There will be set due dates for assignments and projects, but otherwise offers the flexibility for students to pursue their degree without class meetings. At the same time, instructors use a variety of tools to personalize the online classroom.

BIPS is intentionally structured to challenge students to think and learn in new ways, and real-world projects and case studies form the foundation for learning. The focus is on thinking critically, interpreting data, and solving problems, all of which can be used immediately in the workplace.

In addition, students receive customized support designed on the basis of career goals, interests, and transfer credits that creates a clear path to graduation

Overall Requirements

- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits of courses at the 300 course level or above.
- Students must earn grades of C (2.0) or better in all major and related area required courses.

Degree Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/)	
	General Education Requirements - Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/)	

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		18
IPS 301	Design Thinking	
IPS 302	Systems Thinking	
IPS 303	Understanding Data	
IPS 304	Contemporary Media Literacies	
IPS 305	Global Awareness and Intercultural Competence	
IPS 306	Self-Awareness	
Professional/Career/Industry Area of Focus		12
<i>Select 9 credits from an Area of Focus *</i>		
IPS 406	Integrative Thinking	
Capstone Course		3
IPS 410	Capstone	

* Students select 9 credits as listed or other approved course chosen in consultation with advisor (any course prefix, including IPS). The area of interest can be customized to the student's professional aspirations.

Areas of Focus

Health and Wellness Occupations

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CST 341	Communication and Workplace Relationships	
GES 301	Cities of the World	
GES 302	Urban Geography: Sustainable Land Use	
GES 304	Sustainable Transport and Mobility	
GES 306	World Economic Geography	
HEA 113	Medical Terminology for Public Health Professionals	
HHS 275	Entrepreneurial Personal Branding	
IPS 401	Selected Topics in Health and Wellness Occupations	
IPS 405	Selected Topics in Other Occupations	
NUR 390	Culture and Health Care	
PCS 308	Working through Interpersonal Conflicts	
PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	
PCS 415	Global Peacebuilding	
PHI 220	Medical Ethics	

Service Occupations

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CST 341	Communication and Workplace Relationships	
CTR 451	Service Management	
GES 301	Cities of the World	
GES 302	Urban Geography: Sustainable Land Use	
GES 304	Sustainable Transport and Mobility	
GES 306	World Economic Geography	
HHS 275	Entrepreneurial Personal Branding	
IPS 403	Selected Topics in Service Occupations	
IPS 405	Selected Topics in Other Occupations	
PHI 361		
PCS 308	Working through Interpersonal Conflicts	
PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	
PCS 415	Global Peacebuilding	
PSC 440	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	

Arts, Entertainment and Media Occupations

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BLS 346	The Art of Life	
CST 341	Communication and Workplace Relationships	
DCE 455	Arts and Entrepreneurship: Career Strategies for Artists	
GES 301	Cities of the World	
GES 302	Urban Geography: Sustainable Land Use	
GES 304	Sustainable Transport and Mobility	
GES 306	World Economic Geography	
HHS 275	Entrepreneurial Personal Branding	
IPS 404	Selected Topics in Arts, Entertainment, and Media Occupations	
IPS 405	Selected Topics in Other Occupations	
PHI 361		
PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	
PCS 415	Global Peacebuilding	
PSC 440	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	

Electives

Electives sufficient to complete 120 total credit hours required for the degree, to include 36 credits at or above the 300 course level.