

## ■ Individualized Studies Program

Normally students choose a program of study determined by the academic regulations leading to a major or joint-major in Arts or Science. In exceptional circumstances, students of superior academic ability and intellectual independence may design an individualized program of study, selecting courses from various disciplines to explore a theme of their own choosing. Before designing such a program, students are encouraged to speak with an Academic Advisor about their personal academic goals (see Academic Advising, [p. 485](#)).

The following guidelines apply:

- This program is intended for students who have given evidence of superior academic ability and intellectual independence, and is normally available only as an Honours degree.
- The Individualized Studies program consists of 20.0 credits of which at least 2.0 must be at the 4000 level. A minimum cumulative average of 75% should normally be maintained.
- Students must apply for the program through an Academic Advisor. The application must include a rationale for the choice of courses, including reasons why the proposed program of study cannot be accommodated within an existing major or joint-major program, and must identify the remaining courses required.
- Students must discuss the intended program with an Academic Advisor before the end of the first year of studies. Students who have completed 5.0 credits may be considered retroactively for an Individualized Studies program.
- The Academic Advisor will: ensure that the program meets the University's degree requirements, ensure that the student has obtained approval from the academic departments or programs concerned, and confirm that the required courses for program completion will be available on the proposed schedule.
- The Academic Advisor and the student must present the program to the Committee on Undergraduate Petitions (CUP) for approval. Once approved, any changes must be discussed with the Academic Advisor and reported to CUP.

An individualized study program in Global Studies is available as an Honours degree through Trent International (see [p. 404](#)). The program combines Study Abroad with internationally oriented studies in three or more disciplines. Students are normally required to study a language other than English, at least to the intermediate level, and to spend one year of undergraduate study in another country. Students must apply for entry into this program through Trent International (not an Academic Advisor) by April 1 in the first year of studies. A list of proposed courses and a rationale for these choices should be submitted with the application. For application information and further details please contact Trent International.

## ■ Information Systems

See Computing & Information Systems ([p. 105](#))