SPECIALIZED STUDIES

A freshman must have an active associate degree program in addition to the Specialized Studies baccalaureate program. The associate degree will satisfy the lower-level requirements for the Specialized Studies program. When the associate degree program is completed or nearly completed, courses at the upper level can be started. It is required that students who declare this program a) complete the associate degree program and b) also have the intent to complete the baccalaureate degree program.

A student transferring into the program with a completed associate degree from the University of Northwestern Ohio or another regionally accredited college or university will use that concentration for the lower-level requirements and will be admitted to Option 1 which has requirements for the Specialized Studies in Business Administration. By submitting documentation to the Registrar’s Office and with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, students with extensive healthcare related work experience may be admitted to Option 2 which has requirements majoring in Healthcare Administration. Students will complete 90 credit hours at the upper level to meet the requirements for this program.

Students with a completed associate degree in Business Administration should declare the baccalaureate degree in Business Administration. Students with a completed associate degree in an allied health area that meets the requirements for the baccalaureate degree in Healthcare Administration should declare that program. Associate degrees in other majors from accredited institutions make students eligible for the baccalaureate degree in Specialized Studies.

MISSION STATEMENT:
To meet the individual needs of students, the University has developed a degree program that allows them to design majors that cross disciplines.

Junior- and Senior-Level Courses: 90 Credit Hours
Students will choose one of the upper level options to complete the degree.

OPTION 1 (Please see next page for Option 2.)
Technical and Basic Requirements:
46 Credit Hours
BU304 Management Essentials for Specialized Studies/5
BU305 Economics & Finance for Specialized Studies/5
BU320 Legal Issues in Consumer Sales Transactions/5
BU490 Business Capstone/3
EC325 Economics in Today's Society/3
FI420 Corporate Finance/5
MA322 Organizational Behavior/5
MA340 Leadership/5
MA447 Global Management Issues/5
MA475 Strategic Management & Business Policy/5

Practicum Options: 6 Credit Hours
Two 3-hr Approved Specialized Electives OR
BU410 Seminar in Business/1 and one of the following: (Co-requisites requiring completion of both courses before achieved grade(s) are awarded.)
BU411 5-hr Work Option Practicum
BU412 2-hr Work Option Practicum & 3-hr Approved Specialized Elective

General Education Requirements:
32 Credit Hours
CO445 Group Dynamics/3
EN Any 300/400 level EN course/3
MH310 Finite Mathematics/3
OR
MH315 Calculus/3
MH350 Statistics/5
MH420 Quantitative Methods/3
SC320 Biology/3
OR
SC330 Physics/3
Any 300/400 level AR, CO, HI, PH, PO, or WS courses/9
Any 300/400 level PY or SO course/3

General Education Electives:
6 Credit Hours
Choose 300- or 400-level courses from the general education subject categories, which may include Art (AR), Communication (CO), English (EN), History (HI), Math (MH), Popular Culture (PO), Psychology (PY), Science (SC), Sociology (SO), University Survey (UN), or Women’s Studies (WS).

Note: Elective courses can apply to only one degree level. The same course cannot be re-used to satisfy the elective requirements at the Associate’s Degree level and again at the Bachelor’s Degree level.
OPTION 2

Technical and Basic Requirements:
47 Credit Hours

BU304 Management Essentials for Specialized Studies/5
BU305 Economics & Finance for Specialized Studies/5
HC305 Healthcare Management/5
HC310 Healthcare Law/3
HC315 Quality Metrics in Healthcare/3
HC325 Public Health & Epidemiology/3
HC415 Health Information Technology/5
HC467 Healthcare Finance & Accounting/5
HC472 Healthcare Economics/5
HC490 Healthcare Capstone/3
MA322 Organizational Behavior/5

Technical and Basic Electives: 5 Credit Hours
Choose one of the following 300- or 400-level elective courses:
FI420 Corporate Finance/5
MA330 Human Resource Management/5
MA340 Leadership/5
MA416 Moral Issues in Business/5

General Education Requirements:
32 Credit Hours

CO445 Group Dynamics/3
EN Any 300/400 level EN course/3
MH310 Finite Mathematics/3
OR
MH315 Calculus/3
MH350 Statistics/5
MH420 Quantitative Methods/3
SC320 Biology/3
OR
SC330 Physics/3
PY375 Abnormal Psychology
OR
SO380 Death & Dying/3
Any 300/400 level AR, CO, HI, PH, PO, or WS courses/9

General Education Electives:
6 Credit Hours
Choose 300- or 400-level courses from the general education subject categories, which may include Art (AR), Communication (CO), English (EN), History (HI), Math (MH), Popular Culture (PO), Psychology (PY), Science (SC), Sociology (SO), University Survey (UN), or Women’s Studies (WS).

Note: Elective courses can apply to only one degree level. The same course cannot be re-used to satisfy the elective requirements at the Associate’s Degree level and again at the Bachelor’s Degree level.