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*Ohio University
University College*

DESIGN

A DEGREE

as **UNIQUE** *as*

you are

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“I could create the major that was perfect for me and the career I wanted to pursue. The cross-disciplinary nature of the Bachelor of Specialized Studies is the most alluring part of it because most real-world problems are cross-disciplinary.”

—Alex Slaymaker, B.S.S. environmental planning and policy major, geography minor, environmental studies certificate

Voinovich Research Scholar with the Appalachia Ohio Zero Waste Initiative, Student Senate Sustainability Commissioner



At OHIO, you can design your own degree. While we offer a wide array of majors and degree programs, you may find that your interests, talents, background, and goals are best served by creating a specialized, multidisciplinary degree:

- Bachelor of Specialized Studies (B.S.S.)
- Associate in Individualized Studies (A.I.S.)

specialized _____
studies

“The B.S.S. is not meant to be exploratory. This is really the other end of the spectrum. You already know specifically what you want, so you design a set of courses to get what you want. It’s rewarding to help students accomplish this.”

—Art Trese, associate professor of environmental and plant biology

B.S.S. faculty partner, recipient of Presidential Teacher and University Professor awards



A sampling of recent multidisciplinary majors includes:

- Counterterrorism and global security
- Multimedia writing
- Electrical engineering and management
- Wildlife policy management
- Interdisciplinary arts and human relations

multidisciplinary
degree

"It's a flexible program and is well-suited for studying abroad. I am preparing to study at the University of Roehampton (England) and was able to select classes that help me further define my area of concentration."

—Ellyn Loss, B.S.S. music management and media relations major

Vice president of social media for student-run Brick City Records, member of student-run AVW Productions, OHIO Fellow, intern at Sony Music Entertainment in New York



B.S.S.-specific courses include:

Special Projects. This course option allows B.S.S. students to pursue a unique learning experience, such as independent study, research, international experience, a conference presentation, and more. Students can apply for up to \$500 from the Special Projects Fund to help offset costs of pursuing a special project.

Senior Seminar. In this seminar, B.S.S. seniors work with each other to reflect on academic experiences and prepare to launch into life beyond OHIO's beautiful campus.

Thesis. Students work on a research or creative project for their thesis. This optional course is intended for students who plan to graduate with B.S.S. departmental honors.

special
courses

“My advisor asks what I want, which is what a good advisor does. I feel like he understands me pretty well as a student and as a person, too—he understands that I’m an individual.”

—Brady Edge, B.S.S. natural sciences and nutrition major, psychology minor

Studied abroad in Costa Rica, Peer-Led Team Learning peer mentor for chemistry courses



Advising is a cornerstone of the B.S.S. experience. Our dedicated advisors work with faculty to help you design, gain approval for, and complete your unique degree program in a timely manner.

dedicated
advisors

“I interned at Toledo 11 news channel going into junior year. My senior year I interned in New York at CNN’s ‘Showbiz Tonight.’ When they offered me the internship in New York, it was the best moment of my life aside from when I got into Ohio University.”

—Anisa Husain, B.S.S. '07 in broadcast journalism and political science

Editorial producer for CNN’s “New Day” program; at OHIO, was a “Fridays Live” show host and reporter for “Word on the Street” video series



Co-curricular opportunities include:

Internships. B.S.S. students who develop work or volunteer experience related to their B.S.S. curriculum can earn up to 10 credit hours for their experience.

Scholars programs. B.S.S. students are encouraged to seek academic enrichment through programs such as the Margaret Boyd Scholars and OHIO Fellows programs, which foster in-depth learning and intellectual engagement through collaboration with faculty, peers, and alumni.

Student organizations. OHIO is home to more than 400 student organizations. No matter what your interests, you can find a way to pursue them and gain valuable experience.

co-curricular
opportunities

“The B.S.S. program allowed me the flexibility to work on political campaigns and tailor my degree to my career goals and aspirations.”

—Paul Hypolite, B.S.S. '11 in political science and African American studies, music minor; M.A. '12 in political science

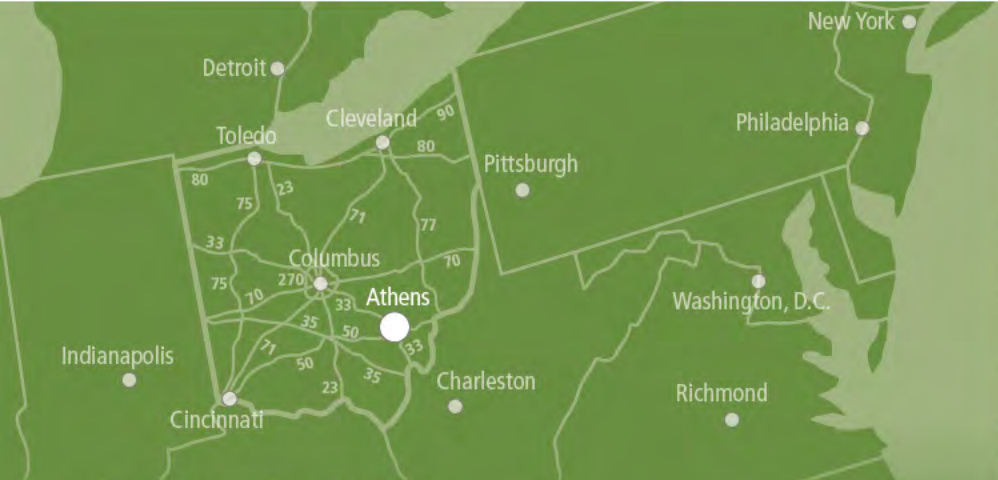
Director of community affairs for New York State Senator Tim Kennedy; campaign manager for Be the Change PAC; at OHIO, was a member of the Singing Men of Ohio and Ohio University College Democrats



University College alumni are entrepreneurs, leaders, educators, artists, and more. They report that employers are impressed by the self-directed nature of the B.S.S. degree. Our alumni include:

- An Ohio state representative
- A FOX Sports national broadcaster
- A president of NASDAQ U.S. markets
- A music industry account coordinator
- The director of a grant-making foundation
- A Federal Aviation Administration project manager
- University professors and college deans
- Chief executive officers

successful
alumni



Ohio University: It's You

To arrange a visit and tour of University College, call **740.593.1935** or e-mail university.college@ohio.edu.

For info on other visit programs and to arrange a campus visit and tour, go to www.ohio.edu/you.

Travel info and driving directions: www.ohio.edu/athens/travel

Contact Undergraduate Admissions at **740.593.4100** if anyone in your group requires accessibility accommodations.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Founded in 1970, OHIO's Bachelor of Specialized Studies is one of the oldest programs of its kind in the nation.
- More than 200 Ohio University students earn a B.S.S. degree each year, making the B.S.S. a popular degree path at OHIO.
- B.S.S. students may earn departmental honors through University College; this is noted on the student's diploma.
- Students may enter OHIO as Pre-B.S.S. majors as they develop their major and successfully complete the application process.

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and figures



OHIO is the university that fits what *you* want to do—
and who *you* want to be. It's the place where you can be
yourself—and become your *best* self.

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