



## SUNY NIAGARA

### Individual Studies, A.A.S.

#### Overview

The Individual Studies AAS program is designed to give students the opportunity to combine the SUNY General Education core with technical or applied coursework. The intent of the program is to allow students to acquire marketable skills while also retaining future flexibility for transfer and continued study at the four-year level. Students craft an individualized program with the help of an advisor and take classes in subjects which will give students marketable job skills.

#### Careers

The career prospects for this degree are varied and include the range of careers covered in the following career clusters.

- Audio Recording and Production (Studio Technician, A/V Tech, Audio Engineer, Producer)
- Baking and Pastry Arts (Chef, Pastry Chef, Baker, Bakery Associate)
- Chemical Dependency Counseling (Chemical Dependency Counselor, Residential Counselor, Care Coordinator, Overnight Care Counselor)
- Computer Aided Drafting (CAD Technician, CAD Assistant, Survey Technician, PLC Technician, Field Service Technician)
- Digital Media (Media Specialist, Digital Media Technician, Account Executive, Social Media Coordinator, Social Media Investigator)
- Horticulture (Gardener, Landscape Technician, Installation Assistant, Cannabis Specialist, Golf Course Maintenance Technician, Landscape Laborer)
- Music (Technical Assistant, Substitute Teacher, Disc Jockey, Music Instructor, Music Director)

- Personal Training (Personal Trainer, Certified Personal Trainer, Sports Performance Coach, Group Fitness Coach, Membership Sales Director)
- Phlebotomist (Phlebotomist, Lab Assistant, Processor)
- Teaching Assistant (Teacher's Aide, Classroom Aide, Teacher's Assistant)

#### Contact

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## Program Requirements

A total of at least 62 credit hours with a minimum curriculum grade-point average of 2.0. Academic Foundations courses do not count toward the degree.

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| 1. A minimum of 30-credit hours of applied electives chosen in consultation with an academic advisor to address career and educational goals  | 30             |
| 2. Health/Physical Education:   | 2              |
| 3. Communication – Written (COMW): A minimum of 6-credit hours to include:<br>ENG 101 – Writing I<br>ENG 102 – Writing II <b>OR</b><br>ENG 103 – Writing for STEM   | 6              |
| 4. Communication – Oral (COMO): A minimum of 3-credit hours to include:<br>SPE 101 – Foundations of Communication <b>OR</b> alternative SUNY General Education Communication – Oral   | 3              |
| 5. General Education Electives: A minimum of 3-credit hours to be selected from one of the following categories:<br>US History & Civic Engagement (USCV) General Education<br>Arts (ARTS) General Education<br>World Language (WLNG) General Education<br>Humanities (HUMN) General Education |                |

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| World History & Global Awareness (GLBL) General Education |   |
| Social Science (SOCS) General Education                   | 3 |
| 6. Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning (MATH):           | 3 |
| 7. Natural Science & Scientific Reasoning (NSCI):         | 3 |
| 8. Diversity: Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice (DVRS):  | 3 |
| 9. A minimum of 9-credit hours Liberal Arts electives:    | 9 |

*The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year. 3/10/2026*