OPEN STUDIES

While you are still deciding on a major, your major will be listed as Open Studies. This course of study helps you stay on track with General Education courses while you explore and choose your major. Open Studies is a flexible, customizable, and multidisciplinary area of study, allowing students to choose classes from across the curriculum that align with their interests, needs, and goals.

PROGRAMS

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

• Bachelor of Science in Open Studies

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

There is a Bachelor of Science degree in Open Studies that some students choose if none of our majors meet their needs. Open Studies is intended for students who have a high volume of credits and are uninterested in or unable to complete a traditional major in a reasonable amount of time.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Critical Thinking
- Research Skills
- Organization Skills
- Communication Skills
- Teamwork
- Time management Skills

CAREERS

- All Occupations
- Researcher
- Event Manager
- Writer
- Administrator
- Information Officer

EMPLOYERS

- Thomson Reuters
- Taylor Corporation
- Federated Insurance
- 3M
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- Minnesota State University, Mankato

INSPIRED ACTION

EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.8%

of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$65,470 The median annual wage for All Occupations in May 2023

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, All Occupations at <u>link.mnsu.edu/all-occupations-salary</u>

PROGRAM WEBSITE



link.mnsu.edu/open-studies

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - OPEN STUDIES, BS

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION

• Complete the University's general education requirements or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MTC).

REQUIRED COURSES

• IDST 496 - Capstone Experience 1-4 Credits

MAJOR COMMON CORE

- Complete the University's Diverse Cultures graduation requirement.
- Complete the University's Writing Intensive graduation requirement.
- Earn 40 semester credit hours in upper-division (300-400) courses.
- Earn at least 30 semester credit hours from Minnesota State Mankato.
- Complete at least 120 semester credit hours.

For more information about program requirements, visit: <u>mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog</u>

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