The bachelor of individualized study (BIS) provides an alternative to the traditional baccalaureate degree. It offers students a distinctive educational opportunity that allows them to integrate previous experiences into university course work. Recognizing that college-level learning may be acquired through varied professional, military, and personal experience, the Individualized Study Program provides mechanisms for translating experiential learning into academic credit. It accepts transfer credits from traditional institutions of higher education, as well as credits earned through other appropriate means.

In this degree program, most students design their own individualized interdisciplinary program of study. Other students who are interested in early childhood education and who meet specific eligibility requirements can pursue a more prescribed curriculum that leads to a concentration in early childhood education studies.

**Credit for Nontraditional Modes of Learning**
The BIS program allows students to receive college credit for learning acquired through a variety of nontraditional methods. For details, see the Individualized Study (BIS) section of the catalog.

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