

General Studies Information Session Checklist

Focus2 Career Assessments

- Go to the Career Services website at <https://www.iusb.edu/career-services/index.php>
- Click on Focus2 Career Assessments
 - Create a User name
 - Enter the password TITAN
- Complete at least the following two sections: Career Readiness and Self- Assessment
- Use the “Narrow the search” option as desired to shorten the list of career suggestions
- *List top career interests:*









Informational Interviews

- Interview professionals in the career area(s) you are considering using these questions:
 1. What do you like most about your job?
 2. What do you like least?
 3. How did you get your job? What is your degree? (*If they have been in the field for many years, ask them what would be required now.*)
 4. What are future trends in this area?
 5. I am a General Studies major at IU South Bend. What courses should I take?
- *Bonus Question:* Would you be willing to take an intern?

Wish Book Exercise: Develop a Course List

- Review the current online campus bulletin at <https://www.iusb.edu/bulletin/>
- Click on “Courses” tab to look up course descriptions by department
- Make a list of courses that interest you

Identify Concentration/Minor(s)/Certificate(s)

- Think about what you love and take related courses
- Consider courses based on the Focus2 and/or informational interview results
- Meet with an advisor in the Minor/Certificate area *as soon as possible*
- *List potential minors and/or certificates:*



















Upper Division (300-400 level courses) Strategies

- Consider Organizational Leadership and Supervision (OLS) classes offered by Purdue
 - Course descriptions are available in the *IU South Bend Bulletin* under the “Purdue” tab
- Take Upper Division Classes to meet General Education requirements when possible
 - Reminder: you must include at least one upper level Common Core course
- Take up to 6 hours of internship credit per semester, for a total of 12.
- Calculate the ratio of upper division courses needed per remaining courses and make sure that you take that percentage of Upper Division courses each term
 - What percentage of your remaining courses must be upper level?  _____

Timely Graduation Strategies

- Take DSST exams
 - For more information, go to <https://www.iusb.edu/general-studies/dsst.php>
(over)
- List potential DSST exams:
 _____  _____
 _____  _____
- Begin internships between sessions
 - For more information on GNST-G 481 Professional Internship, go to <https://www.iusb.edu/general-studies/internships.php>
- List potential internship experiences/sites:
 _____  _____
 _____  _____
- Take LSTU mid-session courses (<https://www.iusb.edu/labor-studies/index.php>)

Registration for Next Semester

- Register for GNST–G 203 Introduction to General Studies
- Identify/pursue a minor/certificate/career path – *Meet with an advisor in that department*
 - Explore a Minor – take the introductory course to see if you like it
 - Start a Minor – take prerequisite courses needed to take additional courses
 - Prepare for Graduate studies – check program websites for best course choices
- Complete Upper Division requirements
- Fulfill General Education requirements
 - Take Math placement exam if you haven't already done so (Note: results expire after two years)
 - Begin math course(s) *at least* three semesters prior to graduation
 - List your math placement level or math course(s) completed:  _____

Notes/To Do
