Bachelor of College Studies
Self-Designed Concentration
2016 – 2018

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Students in consultation with their academic advisor will draw up a plan for a concentration, including the name of the concentration, the goals, the learning outcomes, and the specific courses that the student will use to complete the concentration. The concentration and plan of study will be unique to each student. The concentration must be in an area of study that can be supported by UMM faculty and UMM courses, especially courses at or above the 300-level. The concentration may not duplicate, or be used to circumvent degree requirements of any degree program at UMM. The proposed Plan of Study must be approved by the academic advisor, the BCS Coordinator, the BCS Advisory Committee and the VPAA.

A minimum of 39 credits is required in each self-designed concentration. All course work should focus on the goals and objectives of the proposed concentration. This may include independent studies, CLEP, Credit for Prior Learning, etc. A minimum of 12 credit hours in the concentration must be UMM course work. A minimum of 15 hours must be taken at the 300-level or above; of these 15 hours, a minimum of 9 hours must be UMM course work. The concentration must include a culminating integrative experience that clearly demonstrates the linkage between the concentration objectives and the student's academic work. This may be accomplished through completion of BCS 460 Senior Project/Capstone Experience or another appropriate senior seminar or capstone course. The concentration must also include at least one course which meets the Advanced Level Writing requirement of the University Core. Students must have a 2.0 GPA in the self-designed concentration to qualify for graduation.

All UMM residency requirements apply to BCS students, including a minimum of 30 credits of UMM coursework.

Note: If a student transfers from the Bachelor of College Studies program to any of the other baccalaureate degree programs, University Core requirements and the appropriate program requirements must be completed.