About the Bachelor of Science in University Studies (BSUS) Program

The BSUS degree program is a university-wide degree program designed for students who seek a course of study that is personally interesting and professionally relevant outside of the traditional majors approach to successful degree completion. Students pursuing the BSUS are required to identify a career objective and design a specific degree plan of integrative coursework around a thematic core.

Before students visit the University Studies office and a BSUS advisor, they must understand the following information:

1. A degree in University Studies is designed to be as academically rigorous as all ECU baccalaureate degree programs. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA to be admitted to the program and they must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the BSUS core and thematic core through graduation.
2. Designing a BSUS degree plan is time-consuming and complex. A minimum of 30 semester hours of thematic core coursework must be at or above the 3000 level. The thematic core cannot include more than 24 semester hours from a single prefix or approved course list from any interdisciplinary program. A student should never assume that a BSUS degree plan can simply be patched together from previously completed coursework.
3. All BSUS majors must write a proposal explaining the reason for pursuing the BSUS, describing the thematic core, and relating the thematic core to a personal career objective. The student should have a clear career objective before visiting with a BSUS advisor.
4. Once the student’s degree plan proposal has been prepared, it must be approved by the BSUS Faculty Oversight Committee, which includes faculty representatives from each college within the University. The approval takes time and students may be asked to revise their proposals or make other changes that may extend their graduation deadline.
5. The BSUS proposal and approval process cannot be expedited or altered in any way that undermines the integrity of the BSUS degree.

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