

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Department Mission

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies is a degree completion program designed especially for adult and other nontraditional learners.

The Professional Studies program provides students with the flexibility to tailor their educational experience to meet both personal and professional objectives. At the same time, the program provides sufficient academic structure to maintain the high standards of a St. Francis College bachelor's degree.

Candidates for admission to the Professional Studies program are typically working adults who have previously undertaken significant coursework at other postsecondary institutions.

Professional Studies students have the option of designing, with faculty advisement, their own individualized undergraduate degree programs. Included in the Professional Studies program is a sequence that fulfills the general education requirement in traditional majors.

In the interest of achieving an additional dimension of educational depth the students in this Program may select a Minor offered by another department and complete the requirements as per the catalogue description. A maximum of two minor concentrations can be noted on student transcripts as a way of recognizing that they have, in addition to the required major program, also concentrated in one or more additional areas.

Since adults obtain knowledge in many different ways including traditional college classes, online courses, work experience, and community activities, Professional Studies students have a variety of opportunities to earn credit for college-level learning undertaken elsewhere. In addition to transferring a significant number of credits from other institutions, students can also participate in the College's Experiential Learning program, which assists students in earning credit through standardized college-level examinations, portfolio review, and professional training programs.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

- PLO 1: Think critically and creatively in organizational problem-solving.
- PLO 2: Demonstrate effective presentational skills to enhance personal and organization communications.
- PLO 3: Understand, articulate, and develop the key functions and competencies to be effective in today's workforce.
- PLO 4: Utilize effective writing skills to enhance personal and organizational communications.
- PLO 5: View the diversity of world cultures and peoples through multiple perspectives.
- PLO 6: Optimize position in the work force.

Programs

- Professional Studies, BS (<https://catalog.sfc.edu/catalogue/programs/professional-studies/professional-studies-bs/>)

Program Requirements

Department approval is required to declare the Professional Studies major. Each Major must complete a minimum of 30 Institutional Credits even if they have 98 transfer credits (the maximum number permissible).

Professional Studies students have the option of designing their own individualized undergraduate degree programs in consultation with their academic advisor.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies students are required to complete a minimum of 124 credits.

Faculty Director

Dr. Michelle Stevens