

Informatics Program

INDIVIDUALIZED CONCENTRATION GUIDELINES

The Informatics (INFX) curriculum requires successful completion of 120 credit hours. Of the 120 credit hours, 39 credit hours are designated as “Concentration Core/Elective” courses. Students typically take one or two foundational courses in a chosen area followed by advanced coursework with a specific focus. The *Individualized Concentration* is available to an Informatics major interested in applying computing and information technology to an area or discipline where we do not offer a concentration.

The curriculum of an Individualized Concentration typically spans one or more departments at UL Lafayette. The requirements for an Individualized Concentration curriculum are as follows:

- All general education requirements for an INFX degree
- All core requirements for an INFX degree, including the capstone course
- A total of 39 credit hours defined as “Concentration Core/Elective” courses, at least 24 credit hours of which must be taken at the 300/400 level

As soon as feasible upon entry to the INFX program, but no later than the end of the first semester after completing INFX 101 with a grade of “C” or better, a student in an Individualized Concentration must submit a Plan of Study to his/her INFX academic advisor for approval. This plan must include the following:

1. A rationale for the concentration (e.g., why the study of this discipline or area is important; how this concentration can enhance your Informatics degree; or how informatics can contribute to this discipline or area).
2. A list of core courses totaling 30 credit hours
3. A list of courses from which the 9 elective hours will be selected
4. An explanation of why you have chosen this particular set of courses

You are encouraged to consult with your academic advisor and faculty members of the associated academic department(s) in preparing your plan. The plan will be reviewed by faculty members of the associated academic department(s), as well as the student’s INFX academic advisor and Informatics Program Coordinator. Final approval from the Informatics Program Coordinator is required.

A student who does not have an approved Plan of Study after two regular academic semesters following completion of INFX 101 with a grade of “C” or better will not be permitted to remain in the Individualized Concentration.