An innovative program of study for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
An innovative, inclusive program. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, in conjunction with its nonprofit agency partner Beyond Academics, has pioneered a novel program of study for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Integrative Community Studies (ICS)

A four-year program of study offered by the Office of the Provost and coordinated by the Office of Comprehensive Transition and Post-Secondary Education at UNCG.

- Promotes personal growth and development.
- Employs a flexible, interdisciplinary approach to meeting learning outcomes.
- Offers comprehensive academic supports and instruction.
- Boasts a rich, diverse, and inclusive environment.

ICS students work to expand their abilities to live independently, obtain employment of their choice, and involve themselves meaningfully with the community.

- Complete a combination of certificate and interdisciplinary courses.
- Participate in experiential practica or internship activities.

The 3 Core ICS Competencies

self-determination through goal setting, advocacy, decision making, history of rights & social justice, civic engagement, and problem solving

life planning through accessing community resources, building natural supports, managing health & finances, and person-centered planning methods

career development through career exploration, internships, discovery of interests and strengths, and job development and employer connections
Student Supports

Beyond Academics assists students through the comprehensive college experience, prepares them for life after graduation, and encourages the development of natural supports.

Participants gradually decrease use of paid supports as they connect to Service Learning students, Student Support Advisors, and natural supports.

Support Emphases

Healthy lifestyle
- exercise
- nutrition
- home maintenance

Academic support
- development of routines
- organizational skills
- study habits

Inclusion
- campus & community involvement
- recreation/leisure exploration
- service learning
Prospective students must meet admission criteria, submit an application, and interview with our admissions committee.

Please contact our office for more information or visit our website for current information and deadlines.

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