

IPS Newsletter

Bi-Semester Communication for IPS Students

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INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS OF STUDY
HELPING YOU HELP YOURSELF TO SUCCESS!

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From the Director's Desk.

Greetings to all of you as you have returned from Spring Break to complete this semester. A number of you will be graduating next month and many are within striking distance of that exciting goal! Don't let up! Finish strong! Dr. Falwell used to say that "quit" should never be in the believer's vocabulary!

We are truly encouraged by the growth of our program. Inquiries have TRIPLED from Spring, 2011 to Spring, 2012! Many of our applicants tell us that they heard about the program from current students who have been accepted into the Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies majors. Thanks for passing on the good word! Please continue to do so.

Pray for us as we prepare a brand-new course for our department: INDS400-Synthesizing Knowledge for Career Development which will be initially offered in Fall, 2012 online in the B and D terms. This all-inclusive course will feature interviews with successful career people and career development assistance from creating an online portfolio, to preparing a résumé,

to prepping for an interview, to assessing your professional strengths and how to capitalize on those strengths. This project has been over a year in the making and we are thrilled to see it come to fruition.

As always, if we can serve you in any way, please contact us at individualstudy@liberty.edu. In addition, don't hesitate to email or call me personally: bsherman@liberty.edu or 434/592-3370.

Barbara Sherman, Director
Individualized Programs of Study



Individualized Studies, B.A.
Individualized Studies, B.S.
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.

Resource Reservoir "Study Abroad Office"

by Allison Barney, Professional Advisor

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend a semester studying in England? France? Belgium? Are you desirous of growing personally and spiritually while achieving your academic goals? Or, are you interested in building your résumé in order to attract specific employers? If you answered 'yes' to the above questions, then our Study Abroad program might be exactly what you are looking for!

Currently offering several programs in over 15 countries, Liberty University students are able to spend a summer, semester, or year overseas. Partnering with BCA (Brethren Colleges Abroad), Liberty has afforded students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and see America through different lenses. Not only do these experiences come at an affordable cost, students are also set apart from the crowd when it comes to the job market. In fact, employers now seek out students who have studied abroad as it shows responsibility, maturity, and adaptability!

It's never too early to begin! Contact the Study Abroad Office today. DeMoss Hall, 2016. www.liberty.edu/studyabroad

Testimonial

by Anders Bengtson

I have three passions: business, law, and apologetics. I enrolled at Liberty considering a double major in business and pre-law with a minor in biblical studies. While waiting on a meeting with Mrs. Sherman, I picked up a brochure about the Individualized Programs of Study.

During the meeting Mrs. Sherman asked if I was interested in IPS. As she explained it, I believed IPS would be a perfect fit. I could choose two different areas of study and select specific classes from the different specializations. The degree is a perfect blend of the different areas in which I am interested while preparing me for my continued education and future career.

One of my favorite classes was Small Business Entrepreneurship with Dr. Brunson. Here we took a business idea and developed a business plan. I started a small business when I was in the sixth grade called Anders Ink., making custom writing utensils. During this class I was able to create a business plan that I can present to various funding sources. This is one example of how the Individualized Programs of Study has prepared me for the future.

Professional Tips. . . .

Habits affect the way we live at home, work, school and socially. So we need to be sure our habits produce effective results. How long does it take to form a habit? Experts agree that after consistently repeating a behavior for 21 days it becomes a habit and we no longer have to force ourselves to do it. No skipping! If you miss a day, you don't pick up where you left off. You start over!

Habits cannot be stopped. Instead, we need to replace the undesirable behavior with a new, desirable one. These five steps will help. The more you know about what you do, when and why you do it, the better chance you will have to replace the behavior:

- 1) Identify the old habit
- 2) Define the new habit
- 3) Begin the new habit strongly
- 4) Never deviate for at least 21 days
- 5) Ask for help to keep you on track

Biblical Thought

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Are you interested in improving your Reading Speed and Vocabulary?

CLST 301

Build vocabulary, accelerate reading speed and develop higher level critical reading skills needed for upper division and graduate courses.



Fall 2012 registration starts
March 26, 2012!