

INDEPENDENT CONCENTRATION GUIDE

An Independent Concentration is designed for students with unique needs and/or interests that may not quite fit or be encompassed by existing concentration options.

The Independent Concentration allows students to construct a program of study specifically tailored to helping them gain knowledge, skills, and experiences relevant to their future goals, vision, or direction. To enroll in the Independent Concentration, a student should assemble a proposal outlining the theme and purpose of the four upper level classes they are choosing that will be reviewed by the Faculty Concentration Advisor and the UDC. Once approved, the student may officially declare an Independent Concentration and may also then give it a name of their choosing that they could use for application document purposes only (resume, cover letter, etc.).

An Independent Concentration can prepare you for a variety of career paths. Some students may seek to combine the Independent Concentration with a multidisciplinary concentration (Global Business, Health and Life Sciences, Real Estate, or Retailing). Additionally, students may also seek minors outside of Questrom based on the area(s) they are most interested in. For all available minors, please visit the Boston University programs website found [here](#) and utilize the Questrom academic minors declaration page which outlines the steps you should take [here](#).

For more information on required courses and the process of applying for an Independent Concentration or to contact the Concentration Faculty Advisor, please visit [here](#).

Given the uniqueness of the Independent Concentration, the popular employers, clubs, professional organizations, LinkedIn Groups, and career paths will all vary! There are many resources and connections you can make depending on your area of focus. Please don't hesitate to schedule an appointment with a UDC Career Advisor via Handshake to discuss what strategies and avenues may be best for your situation!

POPULAR CAREER PATHS

- Consulting
- Financial/Insurance Services
- Human Resources
- Healthcare Administration
- Hospitality Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Operations Management
- Management Training/Rotational Program
- Recruiting
- Retail Management
- Real Estate Management
- Sales
- Rotational or Leadership Development Programs
Ex: Management and Leadership Development Program

***Rotational and Leadership Development programs are usually 2-3 year training programs that can be valuable for undergraduates to launch into their career. More information about the types of programs and the industries they are available in can be found on the Feld Center's site [here](#).*