INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

Integrative Studies Requirements

40 credits minimum

Integrative learning is a process by which students connect knowledge and skills from multiple sources and experiences, apply knowledge and skills in varied settings, utilize diverse points of view, and understand issues contextually.

This program reflects Keene State College’s institutional values (through the integrative outcomes), provides and develops the experiences necessary for success in an academic environment (the skills outcomes), and preserves the breadth of a liberal arts education that should enable our graduates to succeed in a global environment (the perspectives and interdisciplinary outcomes). The integrative teaching and learning process approaches teaching and learning in intentionally connected ways.

Students participating in an integrative learning experience see connections in seemingly disparate information; adapt skills learned in one situation to problems encountered in another; demonstrate a breadth of outlook and an awareness of complex interdependencies; judge/decide (synthesize); take into account different dimensions of a problem, seeing it from different perspectives, making conceptual links; connect skills and knowledge from multiple sources and experiences; utilize diverse and contradictory points of view; and understand contextual frames.

Knowledge in both individual and multiple disciplines is the foundation upon which integrative learning builds. Integrative learning often occurs as learners put theory into practice, “making meaning” as they apply abstract concepts in practical settings.

Students should also consider as part of their course of study developing competence in a second language and including an experiential learning experience in which discipline-based knowledge can be applied.

Major Requirements

36 credits minimum

Must include program objectives and learning outcomes; consist of a minimum of 36 credits, of which a minimum of 20 credits must be in courses at the 300-or higher level, include courses from a minimum of two academic disciplines, with a combination of a minimum of five courses (a minimum of 20 credits) in one discipline and minimum of four courses (a minimum of 16 credits) in the other discipline; and may include a maximum of 12 credits of Independent Study courses.

If a student chooses to complete an Individualized Major as a second major, a maximum of eight credits from the original major may be applied to the Individualized Major.

Electives

Select courses to reach a total of 120 credits for a B.A. or a B.S. Electives are selected by the student and are usually related to personal and professional interests.

Degree Requirements

120 credits

40 credits at the upper-level