INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science - Interdisciplinary Programs

An individualized major is composed of an interdisciplinary program of studies, appropriately designed

a. to enhance the student’s ability to integrate and synthesize content and/or method from two or more academic disciplines and
b. to satisfy an individual student’s educational interests or career objectives.

It must be identified by a title and a combination of courses that is different from existing undergraduate majors and program outcomes.

Students at Keene State College are expected to declare a major by the time they have accumulated 60 credits.

The minimum number of credits is 120 credits for a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree, with a minimum of 40 Integrative Studies program credits and a minimum of 36 credits of major courses. Whereas major requirements are usually established by the academic discipline, the Individualized Major program of study is designed by the student in consultation with a faculty advisory committee, subject to approval by the associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

In the event students choose to complete the Individualized Major as a second major, a total of 8 credits from the other major may be applied to the individualized major.

Processing the Individualized Major

a. Advisory Committee. The student selects an Advisor of Record from the principal discipline and an additional faculty member from each secondary discipline represented in the individualized major. All committee members must be full-time faculty.

b. A meeting of the committee is called to discuss the proposed major and to assist the student in designing the program of studies.

c. The proposed Individualized Major must be signed by the student and cosigned by members of the Advisory Committee prior to approval by the associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

d. Copies of the approved proposal will be distributed to the student, each member of the advisory committee and the Registrar. The original will be retained in the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Completing and Modifying the Individualized Major

a. The student is responsible for
   i. completing all Transitional General Education Program requirements,
   ii. progressing through the Individualized Major program as approved by the advisory committee and the associate vice president for Academic Affairs, and
   iii. enrolling in sufficient electives to fulfill credit requirements for the degree.

b. All changes to the Individualized Major program must be cosigned by the Advisory Committee members and approved by the associate vice president for Academic Affairs. These amendments must be in writing and accompanied by appropriate rationale.

Program Requirements

Each program of study is divided into Integrative Studies requirements, major requirements, and electives.