

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

Keene State College, 2005-2006 Catalog *Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science*

An individualized major is composed of an interdisciplinary program of studies, appropriately designed (1) to enhance the student's ability to integrate and synthesize content and/or method from two or more academic disciplines and (2) to satisfy an individual student's educational interests or career objectives. It must be identified by a title and list of courses that differ from all existing undergraduate majors currently offered by the college. The application must be completed and submitted prior to the final 30 credits in the degree program.

Traditional and non-traditional students may propose an individualized major by observing the established policies and procedures.

A. PROCESSING THE INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR:

1. 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.
2. A meeting of the committee is called to discuss the proposed major and to assist the student in designing the program of studies.
3. The proposed Individualized Major must be signed by the student and co-signed by members of the advisory committee prior to approval by the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Approval must occur at least three weeks prior to registration of the semester during which the Individualized major is to be declared.
4. 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.

B. COMPLETING AND MODIFYING THE INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

1. The student is responsible for (a) completing all General Education Requirements, (b) progressing through the Individualized Major program as approved by the advisory committee and the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and (c) enrolling in sufficient electives to fulfill credit requirements for the degree.

2. All changes to the Individualized Major program must be co-signed 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.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (*minimum*) 43 credits

Established by the college, the General Education requirements are the same for all bachelor's degree programs. These requirements seek to broaden, deepen and integrate understanding of the most significant aspects of humanity's heritage. They also enhance the student's capacity for aesthetic enjoyment, critical thinking, creativity, abstract and logical reasoning, and oral and written communication.

It is also recommended that students develop competence in a second language, acquire or enhance computer literacy, select an experiential learning opportunity in which discipline-based knowledge can be applied in a real-life setting, and continue their general education throughout the bachelor degree's program. All students are urged to complete at least one interdisciplinary course approved for such purpose by the College Senate Curriculum Committee.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: (*minimum*) 36 credits

Whereas major requirements are usually established by the academic discipline, the Individualized Major program of studies is designed by the student in consultation with an advisory committee, subject to the approval of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

An Individualized Major:

1. Must consist of at least 36 credits, of which 18 must be numbered 300 or above.
2. Must include courses from a minimum of two academic disciplines; two disciplines in the major must consist of a minimum of 15 credits each.
3. May include up to 15 credits of Independent Study courses (498).

ELECTIVES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Selected by the student, elective courses are usually related to personal and professional interest and are completed to complete the total number of credits needed for their respective degree. All bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 120 credits. Normally, a Bachelor of Arts totals 120 credits and a Bachelor of Science 126 credits.

PROGRAM AREAS: Students must complete general education, major and elective courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher to satisfy the requirements for graduation from Keene State College.

GENERAL EDUCATION (minimum 43 credits) - Be sure to identify the course by discipline, number and title, and identify the number of credits for each course.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE: (4 credits)

- English 101-Essay Writing is required of all students.

Write in courses / credits:

ENG 101 Essay Writing / 4

ARTS & HUMANITIES:

A minimum of **15** credits, as follows:

- One course in Literature.
(Any 200- or 300-level English course except 202, 203, 204, 208, 301, 302, 303, 304, 308, 312; FR 303 and SP 303 may also be used to fulfill this requirement)
- One course in History.
- One course in Art, Film, Music or Theatre & Dance.
- Additional credits from Arts & Humanities: AMST, ART, COMM, ENG, FILM, FR, GER, HIST, JRN, ML, MU, PHIL, SP, TAD or an approved interdisciplinary course (WS 201* or IDAH).

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SOCIAL SCIENCES:

- A minimum of **12** credits in **three** or more Social Sciences disciplines: ANTH, ECON, GEOG, POSC, PSYC, SOC or an approved interdisciplinary course (WS 201* or IDSS).

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SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS:

A minimum of **12** credits, as follows:

- One course in Biology.
- One course in Physical Science (ASTR, CHEM, GEOL, MET, PHYS)
- Additional credits from Sciences/Mathematics:
ASTR, BIO, CHEM, CS, ENST, GEOL, MATH, MET, PHYS or an approved interdisciplinary courses (IDSM).

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*WS 201 may be used once, to fulfill either an Arts & Humanities or a Social Sciences requirement.

Total # Credits: _____

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (minimum 36 credits)

The major must consist of:

- A minimum of 36 credits
- A minimum of two disciplines
- A minimum of 15 credits in each of two academic disciplines
- A minimum of 18 credits at the 300 level or above
- A maximum of 15 credits in Independent Study/Contract Courses (498)

List courses and check all pertinent categories. Be sure to identify major courses by discipline number and title, identify the number of credits for each course and check the appropriate boxes.

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Total Credits in the Major _____

ELECTIVES

Select additional courses of your choice to bring total number of credits earned to 120 for Bachelor of Arts (BA) or 126 for Bachelor of Science (BS). Be sure to identify elective courses by discipline number and title, identify the number of credits for each course and check the appropriate boxes.

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Total Elective Credits _____
Total Program Credits: _____

APPROVALS:

<i>Name (please print)</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____ Student	_____	_____
_____ Advisor of Record - Principal Discipline	_____	_____
_____ Faculty Advisor - Secondary Discipline	_____	_____
_____ Faculty Advisor - Additional Discipline (<i>a third discipline is not required</i>)	_____	_____
_____ Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs	_____	_____