

UNDECIDED

*Meet with an advisor to discuss your academic plans.
This sheet is for general advising purposes only.*

Being Undecided isn't the same thing as being directionless, however....

We don't expect every college student to walk in the door knowing what major to pursue, but we do expect "**Undecided**" to be a short-term designation. Here are some ways to explore different academic areas to help you make that major decision sooner rather than later. Four years can go by pretty fast....

First: If there are majors you're considering, **the only way to decide is by taking courses required in those majors.** For example, if Computer Science seems interesting, you would get a better idea about that major by taking CS 140 Computer Programming I (which is required) than by taking CS 101 Introduction to Computer Information Processing (which doesn't fulfill a requirement in the major).

Second: Do some research. **Talk to students who are pursuing the major(s) that interest you.** Keep in mind that people have different learning styles, however. You might enjoy research and the students you talk with may not; they may like hands-on learning and you might not. Also, ask them about faculty in the department, and...

Third: Talk to the faculty. **Getting to know the professors who teach the classes you will be taking is a great way to learn about the major.** Your faculty advisor will work with you throughout your years at Keene State. Think of this as a way of interviewing candidates for this very important role in your academic career. You get to choose.

Need more help putting the pieces together? Make an appointment with an advisor in Academic & Career Advising, Elliot Center first floor, 358-2500; we can help you explore and clarify your interests. **NOTE: It gets very busy in our office at course selection time (October & April); come see us early in the semester to avoid the rush.**

And remember, not all majors are created equal. Although the total number of credits required is not an absolute indicator of how quickly you need to get started taking major requirements, it's one factor to consider. Required courses in some majors must be taken in sequence which can also impact time to graduation. **Planning is key.**

To review all majors offered at Keene State College and the courses they require, go to: www.keene.edu/catalog; Program Planning Sheets for specific majors can be found at: www.keene.edu/aca/pps/pps0708.

Integrative Studies Program Requirements (44 cr)

Keene State College

2007-2008 Catalog

Foundations

NOTE: Students must complete their **Thinking & Writing** requirement within their first **two** semesters and their **Quantitative Literacy** requirement within their first **three** semesters.

ITW: Thinking & Writing _____

IQL: Quantitative Literacy _____

Perspectives

NOTE: Students may take only **one** course in any specific discipline within the *PERSPECTIVES* area. (Disciplines are shown in **BOLD** such as IAART, IHENG, INCHEM or ISGEOG.)

IA: Arts – IAART, IAMU or IATAD

1 course: _____

IH: Humanities - IHCOMM, IHENG, IHFILM, IHFR, IHGER, IHHIST, IHJRN, IHML, IHPHIL, IHSP

2 courses: _____ _____

IA/IH: 1 additional course in either IA or IH

1 course: _____

IN: Natural Sciences – INASTR, INBIO, INCHEM, INGEOL, INMET, INPHYS

2 courses: _____ _____

IS: Social Sciences – ISANTH, ISCJS, ISECON, ISGEOG, ISPOSC, ISPSYC, ISSOC, ISSOSC

2 courses: _____ _____

II: Interdisciplinary – Any courses beginning with II

1 course: _____

NOTE: Courses fulfilling *PERSPECTIVES* and *INTERDISCIPLINARY* requirements may be at the 100-400 level. All students must complete a minimum of **24** credits at the 100-200 level and a minimum of **8** credits at the 300-400 level to complete the *Integrative Studies Program (ISP)*.

Major Requirements

Each major has its own requirements; **some majors require courses that may also fulfill ISP requirements** so be sure to review any majors you may be considering before registering for classes. Please see the catalog for full program requirements. This sheet is for general advising purposes only.

