

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/pps0910.

Integrative Studies Program (ISP) Requirements: 44 cr

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Integrative Studies classes will make up one-third of your undergraduate education. With both lower- and upper-level requirements, these classes are meant to be taken across your four years. Don't just fill in the blanks; look for classes that intrigue you.

Foundations

- ITW: Thinking & Writing** (Take in either your first or second semester.)
- IQL: Quantitative Literacy** (Take within your first three semesters.)

Perspectives

*Only one course in any single discipline can be used to fulfill your Integrative Studies requirements within the **Perspectives** area. Disciplines are shown below in **BOLD** (such as **INBIO**) and may appear in more than one category (such as **IAENG** and **IHENG**). Write the course number and title of the classes you are taking in the spaces below. To review majors, courses and additional information, go to the on-line catalog: www.keene.edu/catalog.*

IA: Arts – *One course beginning with IA: IAART, IAENG, IAMU or IATAD.*

IH: Humanities – *Two courses in two different disciplines beginning with IH: IHAMST, IHCOMM, IHENG, IHFILM, IHFR, IHGER, IHHGS, IHHIST, IHJRN, IHPHIL, IHSP.*

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IA/IH: One additional course in either Arts or Humanities in a discipline not used above.

IN: Natural Sciences – *Two courses in two different disciplines beginning with IN: INASTR, INBIO, INCHEM, INGEOL, INMET or INPHYS.*

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IS: Social Sciences – *Two courses in two different disciplines beginning with IS: ISANTH, ISECON, ISGEOG, ISPOSC, ISPYSC or ISSOC.*

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Interdisciplinary

II: One course in any discipline (even if already used in Perspectives) beginning with II:

NOTE: *In ISP, 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. A total of 24 100-200 level ISP credits (including both ITW and IQL) must be completed before taking a 300-400 level class.*

*Check your major requirements to see if any may also be used to fulfill an Integrative Studies requirement (look for the "I" prefix). Remember, however: credits count **once**.*