Choosing a Major

Each year close to one-fourth of new students arrive at Keene State College as academically undecided. More students join the academic major confusion after the first semester when they realize their academic dream isn’t quite what they thought. Though Keene State doesn’t have a required date to declare a major it is strongly advised a declaration occur no later than the spring of sophomore year. Declaring your major involves completing academic prerequisites as necessary (courses and grade point average), identifying a faculty member to approach as your advisor (we generally recommend starting with the academic department chair) and together, completing a Declaration of Major form which requires the signatures of you and faculty.

How do you choose a major?

Read the Keene State College catalog (http://www.keene.edu/catalog/). Both courses and descriptions are included. What grabs your attention? Look for a pattern. Talk to Faculty or upper class students in majors that interest you. This is a great time to reconnect with your O Staffer. These folks are trained to know a little bit about many majors.

Talk to Alumni (coming soon: eMentoring, a way to match current students with KSC alums); local employers; community members who work in the career field or major you are considering. It’s always interesting to discover the path people follow.

Consider the requirements for the major. Know what you’re getting into but don’t let a required course you would like to avoid keep you from a major you would otherwise enjoy.
**Keene State College offers four Baccalaureate (Bachelor’s) Degrees**

- **B.A.: Bachelor of Arts**
- **B.S.: Bachelor of Science**
- **B.F.A: Bachelor of Fine Arts**
- **B.M.: Bachelor of Music**

**School of Arts and Humanities**

* B.A.: Bachelor of Arts degrees
  - Graphic Design
  - Studio Art
  - Communication
    - (options: Communication Studies/Philosophy)
  - English
    - (options: Literature/Writing)
  - Film Studies
    - (options: Critical Studies/Film production)
  - French
  - History
  - Journalism
  - Music
    - (specializations: Composition/Music Technology)
  - Spanish
  - Theatre and Dance

* B.F.A: Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Graphic Design
  - Graphic Design and Studio Art (dual option)
  - Studio Art

* B.M.: Bachelor of Music
  - Instrumental
  - Choral
  - Performance

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**School of Professional and Graduate Studies**

* B.S.: Bachelor of Science
  - Architecture
  - Athletic Training
  - Education
    - (options: Early Childhood Development/Elementary Education/Secondary Education/Elementary and Special Education)
  - Health Science
    - (options: Health Promotion and Wellness-specializations in: Community Health/Behavior and Health/Nutrition/Substance Abuse-Addiction)
  - Nursing
    - (options: Pre-Licensure/RN Completion)
  - Physical Education
    - (options: Exercise Science-specializations in: Health/Coaching/Teacher Certification)
  - Safety and Occupational Health
  - Applied Computer Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Chemistry-Physics
  - Computer Mathematics
  - Engineering
  - Geology
  - Management
  - Mathematics-Physics

* B.A.: Bachelor of Arts
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth/Space Science
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Mathematics
    - (options: Mathematics/Secondary Teaching/Elementary Teaching/Mathematics Middle School/High School Tuition)
  - Mathematics Education for Elementary Teachers
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Sociology

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**School of Sciences and Social Sciences**

* B.S.: Bachelor of Science
  - Applied Computer Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Chemistry-Physics
  - Computer Mathematics
  - Engineering
  - Geology
  - Management
  - Mathematics-Physics

* B.A.: Bachelor of Arts
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth/Space Science
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Mathematics
    - (options: Mathematics/Secondary Teaching/Elementary Teaching/Mathematics Middle School/High School Tuition)
  - Mathematics Education for Elementary Teachers
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Sociology

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**Interdisciplinary Programs**

* B.A.: Bachelor of Arts
  - American Studies
  - General Science
    - (options: General Science/Elementary or Early Childhood Education/Middle School)
  - Holocaust and Genocide Studies
  - Individualized Major
  - Social Science
  - Women and Gender Studies

* B.S.: Bachelor of Science
  - Environmental Studies

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**Click on the video links below to hear stories from others on how they found their academic calling.**

“Her first year, young Sally decreed: Advising is not what I need! But much later she learned that the bridge she had burned was what could have helped her succeed.”
UPCOMING EVENTS

Drop-In Advising for Fall Registration
Monday, March 25th through Friday, April 5th
8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Academic and Career Advising

Advising After Dark, First Year Residence Halls
Sunday, March 31st through Wednesday, April 3rd
9:00-10:00 pm
Look for sign-age in your hall

Spring Job and Internship Fair
Thursday, March 28, 2013
2:30-5:30 pm
Mabel Brown Room, Young Student Center

NHCUC Job and Internship Fair
Thursday, April 4, 2013
1:00-4:00 pm
Center of NH – Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH

Did you know Keene State College has over 100 Student Organizations and Clubs? Check them out.
http://www.keene.edu/young/sa/

Undergraduate research opportunities exist in all academic schools: Sciences and Social Sciences, Professional and Graduate Studies and Arts and Humanities. For more information access the Office of Sponsored Projects and Research’s website.
http://www.keene.edu/grants/

Are you looking for a part-time job or internship in the Monadnock region? Job Wise is a great resource for you.
http://www.keene.edu/aca/job_search.cfm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!