

Individual Major

(Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)

An Individual Major is a self-designed program for students who find that their educational objectives cannot adequately be met by any of the University's existing majors. The Individual Major allows students to incorporate courses from several academic areas into a unique program of study intended to prepare them for employment or graduate study in a specific field of interest. In keeping with the interdisciplinary mission of the University, all Individual Majors must consist of coherent programs of study that incorporate courses from several academic areas offered at UW-Green Bay.

To develop an Individual Major, students must meet with a faculty adviser and the Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences to discuss their educational and career objectives. Students write a proposal which includes a statement of objectives, a list of proposed courses for the major, intended degree, and a rationale explaining how those courses form a coherent program of study. The proposal must be approved by the Associate Dean and faculty adviser before being submitted to the Individualized Learning Committee for final approval. Students completing an Individual Major must complete all University requirements for a degree, including general education, residency, and English and mathematics proficiency. It is highly recommended that students who wish to pursue this course of study have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.

The minimum requirements for an Individual Major include 30 credits of upper-level credits focused on an interdisciplinary theme, and an appropriate array of supporting courses. Students should submit the proposal to the Associate Dean no later than the beginning of their junior year to ensure timely graduation.

Additional information and assistance in planning an Individual Major is available from the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/undergraduate/programs/individual-major/><https://www.uwgb.edu/UWGBCMS/media/cahss/files/pdf/Individual-Major.pdf>)

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