



Individually Designed Major



When you scan the list of majors offered at the University of Jamestown, is your area of interest missing? Thanks to the Individually Designed Major program, you may be able to draw from the many areas of study at the University of Jamestown to customize your major. We invite you to learn more about how an individually designed major can help to fulfill your goals.

Program Snapshot

The Individually Designed Major program is open to students who have completed the first semester of their sophomore year and who have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better. The program may be the product of components from several majors, minors, and/or disciplines. While the faculty are committed to providing personalized assistance to all students, a significant amount of independent preparation, commitment, and dedication on the part of the student is required in order to successfully complete an individually designed major.

IDM Examples

Examples of individually designed majors recently pursued by our students include:

- American Studies
- Ancient Studies
- Biopsychology
- Classical and Dramatic Studies
- Criminal Psychology
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Information Design
- Juvenile Justice
- Psychology of Religion
- Sports Administration

These are not the only topics that qualify. If you would like more information on a special area of interest, consult an admissions counselor.

IDM Philosophy

The following goals have been adopted for the Individually Designed Major program:

- fulfill requirements necessary for the completion of a bachelor's degree
- provide a basis for advanced study
- introduce students to new ways of thinking
- provide students with an opportunity to express their creative abilities
- encourage students to question, discuss, and analyze information and participate in decision-making
- encourage research, inquiry, and investigation of a topic
- address interdisciplinary, social, historical, and multicultural aspects of a program or academic discipline

Outside Opportunities

Like all majors at the University of Jamestown, the Individually Designed Major program provides you with the opportunity to enhance your classroom education with practical learning experiences at work sites in the community, state, or region. Your adviser will work with you to research potential work experiences or internships that will enrich your individually designed major. Students who have completed field work and internships often find that these experiences open further opportunities for summer jobs or full-time employment upon graduation.

WHETHER YOU SELECT A MAJOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN CATALOG OR CUSTOMIZE YOUR MAJOR WITH THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR PROGRAM, THE FACULTY ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.