

SELF-DESIGNED MAJORS

AT CENTRE COLLEGE



ALTHOUGH CENTRE OFFERS MANY DIFFERENT MAJORS, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR EDUCATION UNIQUELY YOURS BY CREATING YOUR OWN MAJOR, ONE THAT COMBINES STUDY ACROSS MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES TO FORM A COHESIVE LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR.

SELF-DESIGNED MAJOR EXAMPLE

Logan Pauley '15 came to Centre College expecting to choose one of the majors offered such as economics or mathematics. But after traveling abroad, first to Taiwan as part of the International Chinese Language Program, and then to Shanghai with the Centre-in-China study abroad program, he developed a profound interest in Asian languages and culture. He decided to create his own Asian Studies major, which encompasses Asian history, politics, culture, economics, international studies, and religion all in one.

"Centre offers a diverse range of majors and disciplines to cultivate individual inquiry, but it's unique in its self-designed major program, which affords students the capacity to choose from the courses offered by the College to tailor a specialized major," says Pauley. He credits much of his success both inside and outside the classroom to Centre's self-designed major option.

"Designing my own major has been an insurmountable source of personal growth, and has allowed me to develop my own academic interests and future goals," he says. "This opportunity has really promoted scholarship — I want to study the classes I choose, I want to engage myself with the material and, most importantly, I feel wholly satisfied with my professors."

As a result of the courses he's taken at Centre and his trips to Asia, Pauley is now highly proficient in Mandarin and boasts an impressive academic record. He was the only student from the U.S. chosen as an ambassador to the 2014 Harvard Project for Asian International Relations, the largest annual Asian Studies student conference, and was one of only a handful of recipients awarded a Critical Language Scholarship by the U.S. Department of State. While studying in Shanghai with Centre, he also interned at AllSet Learning, a language consultancy specializing in introductory Mandarin. Because Pauley plans on attending graduate school to study East Asian languages and cultures and would like to eventually teach Mandarin, his self-designed Asian Studies major has given him the academic background needed for his future.

Examples of other recent self-designed majors include Design and Culture, Sustainable Development, Communication Arts, Middle Eastern Studies, Environmental Physics, Public Policy, Diversity Studies, Comparative Languages, and Criminology.



GUIDELINES ON SELF-DESIGNED MAJORS:

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MAJORS

- Anthropology/Sociology
- Art (studio)
- Art History
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- Dramatic Arts
- Economics & Finance
- English
- Environmental Studies
- French
- German Studies
- History
- International Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish

MINORS

- African & African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art (studio)
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Dramatic Arts
- Education
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- French
- Gender Studies
- German Studies
- Global Commerce
- History
- International Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Spanish

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Education
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-M.B.A.
- Pre-Med
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Social Work
- Pre-Veterinary

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- Partnership with University of Louisville
- Partnership with Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Engineering ("Dual Degree" with Columbia University, Vanderbilt University, and Washington University in St. Louis, and a similar relationship with University of Kentucky)
- ROTC (Air Force & Army)

LANGUAGES

At Centre, you can study the following languages. Majors and/or minors are offered in some but not all of them.

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- French
- German
- Greek (Ancient)
- Greek (New Testament)
- Japanese
- Latin
- Spanish

DOUBLE MAJORS

Students with a broad range of academic interests often double major. With careful planning, it is possible to complete a double major in four years. Approximately 22% of Centre graduates complete a double major.

SELF-DESIGNED MAJORS

Make your education uniquely yours by combining courses from different areas to integrate diverse approaches to a common theme or subject. Successful self-designed major proposals present a personalized curriculum of courses that is both coherent and rigorous, one which usually includes independent study and research that draws on the expertise of our faculty.

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