

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR



If there isn't currently a major that meets your needs, design one tailored to your specific talents and aspirations as you blend courses, internships and a senior capstone experience to create a custom education path that aligns with your graduate school or career goals.

THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

An interdisciplinary approach



Highly motivated, self-directed students who come to Franklin College with a clear and specific vision for their future have the ability to create and pursue an individualized major. Individualized majors are interdisciplinary, meaning courses that make up the major must represent multiple departments. Students can pursue any number of combinations, like business and art, French and history or sociology, or psychology and political science as they design an individualized major like the recent examples below:

- Biomedical physics
- · Latin American studies
- Marketing design
- Peace and conflict studies
- Poverty studies
- Psychosocial development
- · Organizational leadership and management
- Sports management



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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Internships, travel and more

Every student who pursues an individualized major participates in an internship specific to his or her career goals and area of study; students leverage support from faculty and the college's Office of Professional Development to discover or create internships that integrate with their on-campus education. Individualized majors often couple coursework and internships with study away opportunities, individualized studies, undergraduate research and Immersive Term courses to round out the major with a breadth of educational and professional experiences.

POST-GRADUATION

Limitless opportunity

An individualized major creates endless possibilities for students, preparing them for careers in industries as wide-ranging as the passions that sparked the custom major. Some individualized majors have attended graduate school to earn an advanced degree, while others have gone on to work for:

- · Indiana Pacers
- · Indiana General Assembly
- · Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Higher education institutions
- PSA Airlines

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Departmental sponsorship:** Individualized majors must be sponsored by an academic department from which at least 12 of the major's credit hours come from.
- **Individualized Major Committee:** In order to pursue an individualized major, each student must assemble an Individualized Major Committee, which is comprised of his or her academic adviser, the chair of the sponsoring department and at least one other faculty member. This committee supports the student as
 - he or she crafts and defends a proposal to complete the major.
- **Application requirements:** Students are able to apply for an individualized major after their first semester, and must be either a freshman or sophomore with at least a 2.75 GPA.
- Contact information: Read more about individualized majors at FranklinCollege.edu/individualized or contact Registrar Lisa Mahan directly at 317.738.8020 or lmahan@FranklinCollege.edu.