

# RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

## Student-Designed Majors

The Committee on Student-Designed Majors, a subcommittee of the College Curriculum Committee consisting of faculty, administrative, and student representatives, is responsible for reviewing and acting on proposals for student-designed majors. Students may design individualized majors to accommodate special interests or career goals that cannot be met by enrollment in existing majors. Such majors may focus on an area of study not covered in departmental majors or may be interdisciplinary.

### Criteria

This option is open to undergraduate degree candidates who have earned at least 40 credits and who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5. Proposals from students with more than 75 credits will not normally be accepted.

The proposal must include at the minimum of 8-10 courses in the major and any essential cognates. Courses in the major should be primarily upper-level Rhode Island College courses. The proposal should also include and describe some means for integration or focus such as a research project, directed study, or field placement.

### Procedure

Proposal forms may be obtained from the academic deans' offices (Arts and Sciences – Gaige 150, Education and Human Development – Horace Mann 105) or from the Academic Advisement Information Center (Craig-Lee 060). Upon completion by the student, the proposal must be approved by a faculty member or members who agree to serve as the adviser(s) to the student and by the chair(s) of the department(s) involved. The chairs' signatures indicate that the courses on the

proposal will be offered in the near future. Any proposal for a student-designed major resulting in a professional program must also be approved by the appropriate academic dean.

The completed proposal must be submitted to the Committee on Student-Designed Majors no later than October 1 (fall) or March 1 (spring) for action that same semester. Incomplete proposals will be returned. The student may meet with the Committee to discuss the proposal.

The Committee's action (approval, request for revision, disapproval) will be communicated in writing to the student and adviser(s) before the beginning of registration for the following semester. The Records Office will be sent a copy of each approved proposal, to be used in monitoring the completion of degree requirements. Students whose proposals are approved will be required to complete all courses listed on the approved proposal. Any requests for substitutions must be approved in advance by the Committee.