

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED B.A.

The IDM is a nondepartmental, interdisciplinary major for those College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts candidates whose academic interests are not met by the major programs currently offered by the college. An IDM may not be a program of narrow professional training. Rather, it must lead to an intensive investigation of some broad area of human knowledge which is not covered by a single departmental discipline. During the senior year, IDM majors engage in a 3 credit tutorial for which they complete a paper or an equivalent project which demonstrates the essential coherence of the major. A college Honors project (6 credits) may be substituted for the tutorial requirement. An application to pursue an IDM should be approved by the CAS Associate Dean responsible for IDM advising, subject to the oversight of the CAS Curriculum Committee, before the end of the candidate's junior year. For more information, contact cas@uvm.edu.

All students must meet the University Requirements. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/academicinfo/degreerequirements/>)

All students must meet the College Requirements. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/#requirementstext>)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

36 hours and no more than 45 credit hours total to include:	
Core: 18 credits at 100 level or above	18
Electives: 18 credit hours.	18
In order to accommodate the possibility that selected courses may not be offered at a given time, students should submit 1 alternate course in the core and 2 alternate courses in the elective list.	
6 of these credit hours must be at the 200-level	
Senior Project: The major must include a 3 credit senior project, taken as Undergraduate Research in the faculty sponsor's department, in which the student submits to a Committee of 3 or more professors a paper or an equivalent project that demonstrates the essential coherence of the IDM. The evaluation Committee will include the student's advisor and at least 1 representative from another academic department with courses included in the core of the IDM. This requirement may be replaced with 6 credits of College Honors.	3

RESTRICTIONS

No more than 12 credits that count for the major can come from courses outside the College of Arts and Sciences.

The department of the student's faculty sponsor shall be considered the major's department; the student cannot take a minor in that department.

Consistent with the College of Arts and Sciences curricular policies, no more than 1 course included in the major can be in the minor.

No more than 18 credits in the proposed major may be completed or begun at the time of application.

No more than 6 hours of Readings and Research may be applied toward the completion of an IDM.