

## Individual Goal-Oriented Major

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The Individual Goal-Oriented major recognizes that departmental majors may not meet the unique needs of some students who attend Taylor University. This major allows a student (with faculty guidance and University approval) to design, from existing courses, a program of study that is valid academically and meets personal or professional goals. It is expected that the major will be thoughtfully and carefully designed. Therefore, a student should have some college experience before applying for the Individual Goal-Oriented major. The Academic Policy Committee (APC) will make the final decision on the approval of the application. *All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

To explore an Individual Goal-Oriented major, the student must meet the following requirements:

- Student must be at least a second-semester sophomore.
- Student must have a minimum 2.80 GPA to request an Individual Goal-Oriented major.
- Student must consult with an individual within the field of interest.
- Student must seek advice from at least two faculty advisors from different departments that most appropriately relate to the proposed major.

To begin the official process of requesting an Individual Goal-Oriented major, the student must complete the following steps in order:

- Student must write a detailed rationale for pursuing the major, including opportunities the major might offer after graduation.
- Student must work with the two advisors referenced above and utilize the rationale to develop an academically challenging curriculum of required courses to be included in the Individual Goal-Oriented major.
- Student must create a complete four-year plan addressing all degree requirements, including this major.
- Student must obtain letters of support from both faculty advisors.
- Student must complete the "Request for Goal-Oriented Major" form available from the Office of the Registrar.
- Student must submit the items listed above to the Registrar and schedule a meeting.
- Student must meet with the Registrar to discuss the proposed curriculum and four-year plan.
- Student must meet with the designated representative of APC to discuss plans for the Individual Goal-Oriented major.
- Student must complete all steps above and request the Individual Goal-Oriented major by April 15 of the academic year.

The requirements for an Individual Goal-Oriented major include the following:

- An academically challenging curriculum that adheres to one of the following:
  - Bachelor of Arts degree requires 46 credit hours in the major and proficiency in two years of one foreign language.
  - Bachelor of Science degree requires 46 credit hours in the major when combined with the curriculum requirements in systems analysis.
  - Bachelor of Science degree requires 60 credit hours in the major, including a minimum 3-credit hour practicum.
- 48 credit hours must be completed after the approval of the Individual Goal-Oriented major.
- All degrees with this major require 128 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours, proficiency requirements, foundational core curriculum, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, a minimum major GPA of 2.30, a senior comprehensive paper (3,000 words minimum) integrating several components of the major, along with residency requirements (22 of final 30 hours, fifty percent of major, and fifty percent of degree hours must be completed through Taylor). See academic catalog for additional degree requirements.