

Goal-Oriented Major

The 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*) 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 a goal-oriented major and should not begin the application process prior to the second semester of the sophomore year. The student should also seek advice from at least two faculty advisors from different departments that most closely fit the needs of the goal-oriented major. Consultation from literature or an individual within the field of interest is also a prerequisite. Finally, the student should make an appointment to discuss his/her plans with the chair of the goal-oriented major subcommittee. The Curriculum Management Committee will make final approval of the application.

A GPA of 2.80 or above is required to be admitted into the program. As with all majors, a minimum of 128 hours is necessary for graduation; at least 48 of these hours must be completed after the approval of the application. The application deadline is April 15 of each academic year.

The bachelor of arts degree program requires completion of two years of one foreign language and a minimum of 46 hours in the major. A bachelor of science degree in the goal-oriented major requires a minimum of 60 hours in the major, including a minimum 3-hour practicum. The bachelor of science degree requires 46 hours if combined with curriculum requirements in systems analysis. The required senior comprehensive exam will be a paper (3,000 words or more) that integrates several components of the major. All general education, degree and major requirements listed in this catalog must be fulfilled.