ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The academic component of Central College is administered through the Academic Affairs Office. The faculty administer the curriculum through a structure of nineteen academic department and some supporting interdisciplinary programs. The academic departments are: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication Studies, Education, Economics/Accounting/Management (EAM), English, Exercise Science, History, Library, Mathematics/Computer Science, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy/Religion, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, and Theater.

Majors

A fundamental graduation requirement for all students is the completion of an academic major with a GPA of 2.000 in all courses applied toward the major. By the end of the second year, students must file a Declaration of Major/Minor form with the registrar’s office in order to be eligible to register for the third year (or 5th semester) of study. Students are required to complete the major requirements in effect at the time the student submits the form to the registrar.

Note: For students completing a disciplinary/departmental major, no more than 60 semester hours of credit earned in the major discipline may be applied toward the total semester hours of credit required for graduation.

Pre-Professional Programs - The following programs are supported by the academic structure. While not specific majors, faculty will work with students in identifying coursework appropriate for their professional aspirations.

- Pre-health
- Pre-law
- Pre-ministry
- Pre-engineering

Minors

A number of academic minors – that require in-depth study in a discipline without the breadth of a full major – are also offered, and can be taken in conjunction with one or more majors. To earn a minor the student must attain a GPA of 2.000 in all courses applied toward the minor. Additional policies governing specific minors are outlined in the sections addressing the majors. As with majors, minors must be officially declared by students. Students must submit a “Declaration of Major/Minor” form to the registrar’s office prior to registration for the final semester of enrollment.
Teaching endorsements

Teaching endorsements at the elementary and secondary school levels are offered through Central's education department. Note that teaching endorsements and academic minors (detailed above) are not the same. Contact the licensure officer in the education department for information regarding teaching endorsements.

Cancellation of courses

The college reserves the right to cancel courses in which enrollment is low or as a result of staffing changes.

Curriculum changes

The college reserves the right to modify its academic programs, courses and requirements. When changes are required, students will be informed promptly. Moreover, the college will make serious efforts to permit students to continue in their declared academic programs, although that cannot be guaranteed. When it is not possible for a student to complete the declared academic program at Central College, the college will assist the student in choosing an alternate academic program at Central and/or in transferring to another institution where the desired program is offered.