Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors

The Klingler College of Arts and Sciences is committed to the fundamental goal of integrating diverse areas of learning into a coherent whole. This integration lies at the heart of the liberal arts education provided at Marquette University. Achieving this goal involves two steps. First, as part of the college curricular requirements, students study material from the wide variety of disciplines comprising the arts and sciences. Second, by majoring and perhaps minor ing in a specific discipline of their choice, students pursue learning in more depth and are then challenged to integrate this into their broader understanding of the world. For students whose interests go beyond the boundaries of traditional disciplines, the college offers the following interdisciplinary majors and minors:

• Interdisciplinary Major/Minor in Africana Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/africanalstudies)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Applied Mathematical Economics (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/appliedmathematicaleconomics)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Bioinformatics (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/bioinformatics)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Broad Field Science (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/broadfieldscience) (for students who are seeking education certification)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Cognitive Science (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/cognitivescience)
• Interdisciplinary Major/Minor in Environmental Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/environmentalsciences)
• Interdisciplinary Major/Minor in Gender and Sexualities Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/gendersexualitiesstudies)
• Interdisciplinary Major/Minor in International Affairs (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/internationalaffairs)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Latin American Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/latamstudies)
• Interdisciplinary Major in Peace Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/peacestudies)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Arabic Language Studies and Culture (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/arabiclanguagestudiesandculture)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/asianstudies)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Broad Field Social Science (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/broadfieldsocialscience) (for students who are seeking education certification)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Culture, Health and Illness (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/culturehealthandillness)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Ethics (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/ethics)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Family Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/familystudies)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Law and Society (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/lawandsociety)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Medieval Studies (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/medievalstudies)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Public History (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/publichistory)
• Interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Affairs (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/urbanaffairs)

Individualized Interdisciplinary Major or Minor

Students for whom particular interests may be better served by a flexible grouping of courses from several areas can create an individualized interdisciplinary major or minor. Examples of self-designed majors or minors include Italian Studies, and Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Students should consult the college office regarding the creation of the individualized major or minor, and to acquire the guidelines and the form that must be submitted. The student must work with a faculty adviser in their area of interest. With this adviser, the student writes a proposal explaining the relationship between educational objectives and the choice of an interdisciplinary major or minor, as well as develop a list of courses to be included with the sequence in which they are taken. Two letters of recommendation are required: one from the faculty adviser, and the second, from a faculty member.
who is familiar with the student’s academic work. Such proposals, as well as any subsequent modifications, must be approved by the college’s associate dean.