

## Individualized Major for Majors Discontinued Fall 2020

### Bethel University College of Arts and Sciences

In late April 2020, the decision was made to discontinue a number of majors. Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year the majors listed below will no longer be offered and are no longer listed in the College of Arts and Sciences catalog. However, since students entering Bethel in Fall 2020 may have been planning to pursue one of these majors, we wanted an option for students to do so by declaring an individualized major in one or more of these majors.

These majors may look similar to the major listed in the 2019-2020 catalog, but may also look somewhat different since some courses that are part of the 2019-2020 catalog may not be offered with the same frequency that they have in the past. The [timeline for courses](#) in these majors are found on the Academic Affairs webpage.

### Discontinued Majors

- BA in Biokinetics as a Dual Degree with M.S. in Athletic Training
- BA in Business: International Business Emphasis
- BA in Communication Studies: Rhetoric and Public Influence Emphasis
- BA in Economics
- BA in Economics and Finance
- BA in Environmental Studies
- BA in General Science Education 5-8
- BA in K-6 Elementary Education: Early Childhood Education Licensure, Birth-Grade 3
- BA in K-6 Elementary Education: Preprimary Endorsement (Age 3-Grade 6)
- BA in K-6 Elementary Education: Science Middle Level Endorsement
- BA in Linguistics
- BA in Science Education 9-12: Chemistry Emphasis
- BA in Science Education 9-12: Life Science Emphasis
- BA in Science Education 9-12: Physics Emphasis
- BA in Visual Arts Education K-12
- BS in Environmental Science

### Policies

1. This individualized major policy, form and process may only be used by students entering Bethel in Fall 2020.
2. The academic plan form must be completed, approved by the student, advisor, department chair, and dean of academic programs and submitted to the Registrar no later than the end of the day (11:59 p.m.) **December 1, 2020**.
3. In order for the individualized major to have the same name as the discontinued major, the proposed academic plan:
  - a. Must include at least 30 total credits
  - b. Meet the same outcomes as defined by the department through which the major was offered
  - c. Include 300 and 400 level courses
  - d. Include a culminating experience, such as a senior seminar, internships, student teaching, or field methods, similar to the culminating experience required in the 2019-2020 catalog
  - e. Meet all licensure requirements when applicable

- f. Not include more than three (3) general education courses
4. Once an academic plan has been approved by the Registrar, any changes to the plan must be requested by students and approved by the department chair using the Course Substitution or Waiver Form found on the Registrar's website: <https://www.bethel.edu/registrar/forms/bethel-substitution-waiver>.
5. Students wanting to pursue an individualized major that does not meet the requirements listed in #3 above, may pursue an individualized major if it meets the requirements listed in the August 2011 policy and form found on the Registrar's website:  
<https://www.bethel.edu/registrar/registration/undergrad/files/individual-major-proposal.pdf>

### **Process**

In order to pursue a major in one of the discontinued majors listed above, the following process is to be used:

1. Students meet with their advisor to develop a plan for completing one of the discontinued majors.
2. In consultation with their advisor, students complete the proposal form for Individualized Major for Major Discontinued in Fall 2020.
3. Students obtain the signature of their advisor, the department chair, and the dean of academic programs indicating their approval of the plan.
4. Students submit the signed document to the Office of the Registrar prior to the **end of day (11:59 p.m.) December 1, 2020**.
5. When the plan is approved, the Registrar creates a DegreeWorks degree audit to be used by the student, advisor, and registrar to determine when requirements for the major have been met.