

## SELF DESIGNED MAJOR



What if you had the opportunity to shape your own education? To study topics that truly interest you? At Chatham University, students have the unique opportunity to design their own major. Self-designed majors typically blend two or more distinct academic areas of interest. Students interested in a self-designed major will work closely with a faculty advisor to determine the student's unique curriculum. Recent self-designed majors include:

- Political Communication
- Bio-nutrition
- Social Services and the Elderly
- Politics of Philosophy and Art
- Modern Languages

### HOW CAN I BEGIN?

As a self-designed major student, you will work closely with a faculty advisor to prepare a proposal for your major that will include your educational goals, what you aim to learn or your learning outcomes, and a detailed plan of study including all courses that would apply to the major. The proposal is then reviewed by two additional faculty members in disciplines most closely related to the proposed major and approved by a committee of undergraduate faculty members.

### THE CURRICULUM

Although the sky is the limit when it comes to your studies, the self-designed major must adhere to a few guidelines: 1) the major consists of at least 12 courses; 2) seven of the 12 courses must be at the 200-level or above; 3) at least three full-time terms of academic work must be completed following the application and approval of the major. The rest is up to you!

### SELF-DESIGNED MINOR

The self-designed minor consists of a minimum of five courses in an area of study for which a program minor does not exist. Students in this program work closely with a faculty member to prepare a proposal for their minor that includes a title, a statement of her educational goals, identification of learning outcomes, and a list of courses that will be included in the minor. Recent self-designed minors include:

- Middle Eastern Studies
- Social Science and Social Responsibility
- Theatre Arts
- Environmental Botany