

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SELF-DESIGNED

The Sterling College Self-Designed Major program is a student-centered option for those who wish to explore an area outside of currently offered majors or to integrate coursework from existing major areas. Students work closely with faculty to develop a high-quality academic program that both fulfills a student's educational goals and is within the realm of faculty expertise.

Students wishing to complete a Green Mountain College Bachelor of Arts in Self-Designed can continue their studies using course substitutions from the Sterling College curriculum. A faculty advisor will be available to help find appropriate course substitutions. A revised Self-Designed Major proposal would need to be submitted to the Sterling College Degree Committee by the end of the student's first semester at Sterling College.

At Sterling College, students may complete their Self-Designed Majors following guidelines similar to those stated in the Green Mountain College catalog: "A Self-Designed Major will consist of 36 to 48 credits of college work, with generally no more than 21 credits in one department. The majority of courses will be upper-level courses. A final project will be completed in the student's last semester to demonstrate accomplishment and will generally be pursued as an independent study course (SDE 4000)." As Sterling College does not have 'departments', this would translate as no more than 21 credits being from within one discipline of study. The final project could be pursued as a Senior Year Research Project (a 6-12 credit experience distributed across two semesters), or as an independent study.

For more information about Sterling College's Self-Designed Major program, please see the [Self-Designed Major webpage](#).