The individual major is a flexible program for undergraduates in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences who want to attain a specific academic goal that is not easily attained through a major in one or more departments. The major must involve courses from several departments, must be at least as rigorous as a regular departmental major, and must be targeted at a special intellectual problem or academic need identified by the student. The individual major must be approved by a faculty committee and the CALS Curriculum Committee. Approval is not guaranteed, so students should be prepared to pursue alternative options and are encouraged to discuss these with their advisor.

The individual major is available in the bachelor of science degree program. The transcript will indicate "Individual Major" until the degree is awarded. It will then show the exact name of the approved "individual major."

Students are strongly encouraged to consult with an assistant dean in the CALS Office of Academic Affairs early in their undergraduate career to discuss the process, planning, and feasibility of completion.