

## INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

### Statement of Philosophy

The privilege of declaring an Individualized Major is intended to provide an opportunity for the qualified student to integrate various fields of study by taking appropriate courses from more than one discipline to constitute his/her major. The opportunity to design an Individualized Major program is not intended to replace an established major program offered by any department of the College, but rather is intended to allow the specially motivated student to combine the special strengths and central foci of more than one discipline represented in the College curriculum. The student declaring an Individualized Major must meet all requirements otherwise designated by the College and stated in the College Catalog.

### Procedural Information

1. Any faculty member, in consultation with the interested student, can generate and sponsor an individualized set of major requirements.
2. Each proposal must be accompanied by:
  - a) an essay written by the student (typically one to two pages double-spaced), in consultation with the advisor, giving an acceptable rationale for undertaking the individualized course of study, to include why the proposed program of study should substitute for an existing major at the College, how the proposed program of study allows the student to achieve her/his educational and career goals.
  - b) a statement from the chair of the Department sponsoring the proposal (1) describing how the proposed program of study allows the student to achieve his/her educational and career goals better than an existing department major which can be supplemented by the careful selection of elective courses or a minor and (2) confirming the proposed program is endorsed by Department faculty.
  - c) the endorsement by the Chairperson of each department contributing course(s) composing the major requirements.
3. The total semester hour (sh) requirements for the Individualized Major cannot exceed 60, nor be fewer than 30. No more than 50% of the sh requirements for the major may be taken prior to approval.
4. The Curriculum Committee will be responsible for reviewing and approving the proposal. The student and/or advisor may be invited to the meeting of a Curriculum Committee review group for purposes of clarification.
5. The Curriculum Committee chair will distribute copies of the approved Individualized Major to the Registrar, Advisor, and Student.
6. Any subsequent modification to course requirements for the Individualized Major must be approved by the Curriculum Committee in advance of enrollment.



PROPOSAL FOR AN INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

Name of Student:

Name and Department of Advisor:

Sponsoring Department:

Title of Individualized Major:

Major Courses (30-60 sh): List by course numbers, course titles, and sh credit.  
(Identify those courses already completed.)

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Student	Date						
Advisor	Date						
Chair of Sponsoring Dept	Date						

*Endorsements from Departments contributing course(s) to the Individualized Major:*

Chair/Department	Date	Chair/Department	Date
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