

Interdepartmental Studies MAJOR Proposal Form

Name _____ Class _____ Student ID# _____

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Local address _____ Cell Tel# _____

Title of proposed major: _____

A. List, by department, the courses you propose to take in your major. No more than eight courses (32 credits) from one department may be included in the Core. All interdepartmental majors require a minimum of 40 credit hours. Core courses should primarily draw upon courses that are intermediate-level and above. Interdepartmental majors may use up to two courses from outside School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) and Hajim School of Engineering. Courses should be listed according to the primary department that offers the course. Upper-level writing courses and the capstone experience should be included as part of the core courses.

Dept. name	Course #	Course Title	Credit hours	Semester / year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Culminating/Capstone Experience (indicate from courses above): _____

Upper-level Writing (UWL) Requirement (indicate from courses above): _____

Note: these courses must be specific to your interdepartmental major and cannot be shared with another major

Supplementary courses (optional):

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Names of two faculty members who will serve as your advisers:

Print name of **Faculty Adviser (1)**

Print name of **Faculty Adviser (2)**

Title & Department of **Faculty Adviser (1)**

Title & Department of **Faculty Adviser (2)**

Signature of **Faculty Adviser (1)**

Signature of **Faculty Adviser (2)**

Date Signed (1)

Date Signed (2)

B. Rochester Curriculum Registration

Students are expected to pursue substantive and integrated study in each of the three divisions. Completion of a major, a minor, or a cluster with an average grade of C or better meets that goal. All students need to complete at least one major in one of the three divisions and one cluster in each of the other two divisions.

Students need to complete a minimum of 128 credit hours for their undergraduate degree. Students pursuing a double degree (BA and BS degree) must complete a minimum of 136 credit hours. Additionally, students completing a double degree program must complete all of the requirements for each of their degrees.

Primary Writing Requirement (check one):

_____ Completed WRTG 105 with grade of C or better in _____ semester

_____ Will take WRTG 105 in _____ semester

_____ Other: _____

Do you intend for this major, if approved, to satisfy one of the Rochester Curriculum Requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide information about how you propose to fulfill your Rochester Curriculum requirements without an interdepartmental studies major:

Division of Humanities

major _____

or minor _____

or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Division of Social Sciences

major _____

or minor _____

or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering

major _____

or minor _____

or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Please provide information about how you propose to fulfill your Rochester Curriculum requirements if the interdepartmental studies major is approved:

Division of Humanities

major _____
or minor _____
or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Division of Social Sciences

major _____
or minor _____
or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering

major _____
or minor _____
or Cluster title _____ and number _____

Interdepartmental studies majors may share up to two courses between an interdepartmental studies major and another major.

IF you already have a declared major (or majors) or minor, please indicate any course that will overlap between the programs of study:

Program of Study Name: _____ Major _____ Minor _____
☐ 1st Overlapping Course: _____
☐ 2nd Overlapping Course: _____

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Proposal essays

Please attach additional sheets to respond to the following questions. Expressing your program clearly and concisely is an important factor in the approval process.

The first two questions can generally be answered in about one page. The third essay is usually about three pages long. The fourth question (when applicable) can normally be answered in less than one page.

1. Although the Committee will judge your program on the basis of its academic merit, the Committee also serves in an advisory role. Please briefly discuss your long term educational and career goals.
2. Explain why these educational and career goals cannot be achieved within currently offered program(s) of study at the University of Rochester. This might include another existing departmental major or a combination of a major, minor, or certificate.
3. Discuss your motivation for studying this subject area and how the combined selection of courses will provide you with the foundational knowledge and tools to deepen your knowledge in this domain. Explain your course selection and how these courses add to a comprehensive understanding of this subject area.

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A DECLARED MAJOR AND HOPE TO ADD YOUR PROPOSED INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAJOR IN ADDITION TO THIS MAJOR, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED QUESTION:

4. Explain how studying this subject area will provide a distinct perspective and/or approach from your other major(s).

Completed Interdepartmental (IPA) Major Proposals should be submitted to the IPA program advisor Amy Fisher.