

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
FORMAT FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR NEW INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAJOR**

Department A or Program A: \_\_\_\_\_

Department B or Program B: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Interdepartmental Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Date of Implementation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please append responses to the following questions:**

1. What are the chief features and primary objectives of the proposed interdepartmental major? Describe any innovative features.
2. Why is the interdepartmental major needed?
3. Please list the major student outcomes (or set of performance-based standards) for the proposed new interdepartmental major.
4. Explain how these student learning outcomes will be assessed (student portfolios, graduate follow-up, employer survey, standardized test, etc.) and describe the structure/process for reviewing assessment findings for the purpose of ensuring continuous improvement of the major.
5. What courses will constitute the interdepartmental major? Describe each briefly, and please note any prerequisites required by courses constituting the major. Why were these courses selected? How do they form a coherent and unique plan of study representing depth as well as breadth of learning?
6. Are there any particular staffing or teaching problems typically associated with these courses? If so, how might they be addressed?
7. Describe the student population to be served. What are the admissions requirements for students who want to select this interdepartmental major?
8. How does the interdepartmental major complement the departmental, College, or campus mission? Does the new interdepartmental major replicate what is already being offered elsewhere on campus?
9. What cooperative relationships, if any, will the new interdepartmental major establish with other departments or programs? Please describe any such contact that has already been established. We encourage you to submit letters of support from other departments and schools whose offerings might overlap with or be enhanced by the proposed interdepartmental major.
10. List the resources required to implement the proposed program. Indicate sources (e.g., reallocations or any new resources such as personnel, library holdings, equipment, etc.).

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