

**LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**

**APPLICATION FOR STUDENT-DESIGNED MAJOR  
IN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM**

NAME (print): \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Proposed Major (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

The procedure for establishing a student-designed major is described in the section “Student-Designed Majors” in the current Lawrence *Course Catalog*. Please refer to that procedure before you complete this application. **Note that you are expected to submit your proposal no later than the end of Term I of your junior year.** In addition to evaluating the quality of your responses to the information requested in this form, the Committee on Instruction will evaluate whether you can realistically accomplish what you propose in the time remaining to you at Lawrence.

After you and the members of your faculty panel have signed your completed application, attach a copy of your transcript and **send two (2) copies of the complete proposal to the Committee on Instruction, c/o the Associate Dean of the Faculty, Sampson House.**

The Committee on Instruction meets at least every two weeks. **Your proposal will be due five (5) days before the meeting at which you want it to be considered.** Please contact the Associate Dean of the Faculty, Extension 6675, for the dates of meetings scheduled this term.

List courses *you have taken* that will count toward the major, and indicate the term in which you took each course.

List courses *you plan to take* that will count toward the major, and indicate the term in which you expect to take each course. **NOTE: It is your responsibility to check with department chairs to be sure that courses you plan to take will be offered in the term indicated.**

List courses *you have taken* that will count toward the GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, and indicate the term in which you took each course.

List courses *you plan to take* that will count toward the GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, and indicate the term in which you expect to take each course. **NOTE: It is your responsibility to check with department chairs to be sure that courses you plan to take will be offered in the term indicated.**

Describe your proposed Senior Experience and include a signed agreement with a faculty member who will supervise the Senior Experience if it involves an Independent Study.

Answer each of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT DISREGARD ANY QUESTION BECAUSE ITS ANSWER SEEMS OBVIOUS TO YOU. YOUR PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE APPROVED IF YOU HAVE FAILED TO ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS. LISTING THE COURSES OFFERED IN YOUR PROPOSED MAJOR AS IT IS OFFERED AT ANOTHER COLLEGE IS NOT SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION OR EXPLANATION.**

1. Explain how your proposed major meets these objectives:
  - A. Demonstrates greater knowledge of the areas represented in the proposed major
  - B. Increases methodological sophistication throughout the major
  - C. Increases theoretical sophistication throughout the major.
  - D. Integrates various areas of study that fall within the proposed major
2. How does this major serve your own educational goals (for example, your intellectual interests, your plans for post-graduate work, or your career objectives)?
3. Describe how and why the courses you have listed fit into a *coherent* field of study.
4. Explain why you cannot accomplish your objectives by pursuing a major described in the Lawrence *Course Catalog*.

*You may answer these questions using any format, but each question must be addressed clearly before the Committee on Instruction can act on your proposal.*

**FACULTY COMMITMENT**

In signing this application, faculty members agree to take on responsibilities comparable to those of academic departments in offering traditional departmental majors.

I approve of the program in the proposed major and agree to serve as Director. I have discussed this proposal with the student and the other members of the panel and have advised the student on the foregoing explanation of the project. I believe the courses listed constitute a coherent program of study, and I am prepared to work with the other members of the panel in overseeing the program and reviewing minor changes in it.

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Name (Print)  
Director

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Signature

I approve of the program in the proposed major and agree to serve as Alternate Director. I am prepared to assume the responsibilities of Director when the Director is unavailable for a term or more. I have discussed this proposal with the student and the other members of the panel, and I believe the courses listed constitute a coherent program of study. I am prepared to work with the Director and another faculty member in overseeing the program and reviewing minor changes in it.

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Name (Print)  
Alternate Director

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Signature

I approve of the program in the proposed major and agree to serve as the third member of the faculty panel. I have discussed this proposal with the student and the other members of the panel, and I believe the courses listed constitute a coherent program of study.

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Name (Print)

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Signature