Self-Developed Major Form

Students who design their own majors can be a valuable source of intelligence about what new interdisciplinary programs it may make sense for your university to launch. To gather that data systematically, student proposals should be systematized. To that end, the form below details the key components of student self-developed major proposal forms.

Students proposing their own self-developed majors should submit this cover sheet to the appropriate office, attaching the required supplemental documents outlined below in the application checklist.

Student Name: _____   Student Identification Number: _____

University Email: _____   Phone: _____

Title of Proposed Major: _____

Faculty Sponsor's Name: _____

University Email: _____   Phone: _____

Signature: _____   Date: _____

Application Checklist

Included with this application, attach the following supplemental documents, the core purpose of which are outlined below:

_____ *Statement of Purpose*

The statement should address the purpose of the proposed major. Specifically, it should address how it fits with career or academic goals and explain why no existing major can accommodate these goals.

_____ *Course Curriculum*

List the course curriculum for the proposed program, including the following information for each course: department, course number, course title, units, and semester/academic year. Provide total counts for general education, upper-division, and major credit hours (as opposed to electives) and verify that university requirements for each are met.

_____ *4-Year Program Plan*

Outline how the proposed program can be completed within a total of 4 years, including existing progress, taking into account the semesters and years in which courses are offered, as well as course prerequisites.

_____ *Faculty Sponsor Letter*

Faculty sponsor needs to write a letter verifying that the course of study is coherent and preserves the academic rigor of the academic fields it incorporates.

_____ *Departmental Chairs' Approval*

Approval required from the chair(s) of all department(s) suggested in the wording of the title and/or from chair(s) of all department(s) offering primary and secondary coursework that the proposed major incorporates.