

J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication Guidelines for Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors

All undergraduate interdisciplinary majors and minors in the Diederich College of Communication are subject to review by the Associate Dean in conjunction with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Students wishing to pursue such an interdisciplinary major or minor should submit an application prior to obtaining junior status. Applications should include the following information which will be used as a basis for evaluation and approval. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee will only review complete applications.

Program Rationale

- Explain why it is necessary to construct the interdisciplinary major or minor. What does the proposed interdisciplinary major or minor offer that an already-approved major or minor does not? How does the proposed program of study better meet your needs?
- Specify the relationship between the proposed courses and the organizing principle(s) of the major. Discuss the sequencing of courses and their progression toward the overall aim of the program of study.
- Provide learning outcomes (2-3 for a minor; 3-5 for a major) associated with the proposed major or minor. Learning outcomes are statements that indicate what you (the student) will learn as a result of the program of study. Learning outcomes typically follow this format: "After completing this program of study, the student will be able to..." Learning outcomes should be broad and encompass more than the learning objectives associated with a particular course.
- Describe how the proposed program of study fits your educational and career goals.

Support Letters

- Proposed Adviser - A full-time faculty member in the Diederich College of Communication willing to oversee the proposed program of study should submit a letter of agreement. The adviser's letter should address the (1) appropriateness of the students' stated learning outcomes (2) coherence and rigor of the proposed coursework and (3) student's likelihood of completing the program.
- Recommendation - In addition to a letter from the proposed adviser, a second letter of support should be obtained from a full-time faculty member at Marquette University whose departmental affiliation differs from the proposed adviser. This individual will most likely be affiliated with another discipline represented in the major or minor. The support letter from this individual should address the same items as those addressed by the proposed adviser (1-3 above).

Schedule of Coursework

- Provide a list of all courses necessary to complete the program of study (reverse side). Be sure to obtain signatures from both faculty members providing letters of support.

Name (print) _____

MUID _____

Current Major(s) _____

Current Minor(s) _____

I request that the following courses be approved for an interdisciplinary: Major Minor

#	Department	Catalog #	Course Title	Credits	Grade (if any)
1					
2					
3					
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5					
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14					
15					

Student signature _____

Date _____

Adviser signature _____

Date _____

Recommender signature _____

Date _____