

**Application for Student-Designed Major**  
Students who Matriculated in Spring 2016 or BEFORE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Box# \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Matriculation (month/year):** \_\_\_\_\_

This is the date you entered Allegheny College, usually (08/year or 01/year)

**Anticipated Graduation Date (month/year):** \_\_\_\_\_

Any changes to your anticipated graduation date must be made in writing to the Registrar's Office.

**Current Program:**

Present Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (If undeclared, so state)

Current Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Present Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Minor (select one):

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|--|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Science  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Interdivisional |

**Proposed Major:**

Title of Proposed Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Division of Proposed Major (select one):

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|--|--------------------------|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Science  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Interdivisional |

Please note that either: 1) your graduation major and minor must be in different divisions; or 2) your graduation major or minor must be interdivisional.

The proposed major will (select one):

- Replace my current *major*
- Replace my current *minor*
- Be a second major in addition to my current major(s) and minor(s)
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**If this is a second major, please be aware that it should include at least 20 credit hours that do not also count toward the other major(s). A student completing two majors may choose to complete a single senior project that integrates both disciplines or two separate senior projects, one in each discipline.**

## Proposal:

In preparing a proposal for a student-designed major, please keep the following requirements in mind:

- Applicants for student-designed majors must have a semester GPA of at least 3.0 for each of the two semesters prior to submitting the proposal.
- Proposals must be submitted by the end of 7<sup>th</sup> week of the 5<sup>th</sup> semester of attendance at Allegheny.
- The major must include a minimum of 50 semester credits hours of coursework.
- The program must be comparable in rigor and scope to existing major programs. At a minimum, this means that the major should include significant work at the 300- and/or 400-level.
- The major may include no more than four credits of internship or independent study and no more than 16 credits of transfer credit (including credit from study abroad programs) toward the 50-credit minimum.
- The senior project must be evaluated by faculty from more than one department.
- If your proposed major is Interdivisional, your proposal should indicate how the major integrates coursework from at least two divisions (Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science)

### Proposal requirements:

1. In the table on the next page, list **all** courses to be included in the major (completed as well as planned), including the Junior Seminar and the Senior Project. For each course listed, include the department, course number, title, and number of credits.
2. Attach a detailed, typed proposal for your student-designed major. This proposal should clearly articulate the intellectual goals for the plan of study and provide a compelling case for how the proposed major fulfills those goals in ways not otherwise available through either double majors or other major/minor combinations. The proposal should address how each course (including the Junior Seminar, the Senior Project, and a potential study abroad, internship, or independent study opportunities) fits together to create a coherent and viable plan of study. The program must show a progression to higher-level courses and include significant work at the 300- and 400 level.
3. Sign the attached signature page and obtain the signatures of your current advisor, the two academic advisors for the proposed major, and the two expected readers of your senior project. The two senior project readers must be from different academic programs. The faculty advisors may also be the senior project readers; in this case, the faculty members should sign in both places.
4. Ask the two faculty advisors to write a letter that assesses the intellectual and academic cohesiveness of the proposed plan of study as well as its commensurability with the goals of a Liberal Arts education.

Submit the completed proposal (including this form) to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar will take your request to the Curriculum Committee, which grants or denies permission for the major based on the academic viability and integrity of the proposed course of study.

**Proposed Coursework.** Include only courses to be counted towards the major.

	<b>Course Department</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Credits</b>
<i>Example</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>Children's Literature</i>	<i>4</i>
<b>Freshman year, semester 1</b>				
<b>Freshman year, semester 2</b>				
<b>Freshman year, summer</b>				
<b>Sophomore year, semester 1</b>				
<b>Sophomore year, semester 2</b>				
<b>Sophomore year, summer</b>				
<b>Junior year, semester 1</b>				
<b>Junior year, semester 2</b>				
<b>Junior year, summer</b>				
<b>Senior year, semester 1</b>				
<b>Senior year, semester 2</b>				
<b>Total Credits</b>				

## **Signatures**

I agree that the program above will serve as my major field program and that, once the program is approved, any changes to the courses listed in this proposal must be requested in writing and approved by my faculty advisors and the Curriculum Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student (Printed Name) (Signature)

## **Required Pre-Approvals:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Advisor (Printed Name) (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Advisor (Printed Name) (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Project Advisor, Dept 1 (Printed Name) (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Project Advisor, Dept 2 (Printed Name) (Signature)

## **Final Approval (after review by the Curriculum Committee):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curriculum Committee Chair

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