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APPLICATION FOR TOPICAL MAJOR

MUST BE TYPED!

Must be submitted 3 semesters prior to expected graduation date

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. If this is a second major, what is your declared major: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Justification for a topical major

Attach a separate sheet with your rationale statement addressing the following criteria:

- 1) The justification for the topical major must indicate the purpose of the major for the student. Include why the purpose cannot be met through a regular major(s), minor(s).
- 2) The justification for the topical major must show how the selected courses accomplish the purpose and represent a unified area of study that merits the label of "academic major." That is, the justification must explain how the major represents an appropriate set of courses for academic and career purposes
- 3) If the topical major will use the name of a major found at other baccalaureate institutions or approximates a program or major offered at other institutions, the justification should explain how the proposed topical major compares to similar programs at other institutions. The applicant should attach program descriptions of similar majors at other institutions to the application.
- 4) A letter of support from the faculty sponsor of the topical major should be attached to the application and that faculty member should address items 1, 2 and 3 above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

3. Statement of endorsement by Current Academic Advisor

Attach a separate sheet with a letter of support for your proposal from your current academic advisor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4. Statement of endorsement by Proposed Topical Advisor

Attach a separate sheet with a letter of support for your proposal from your potential topical major advisor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(COMPLETE INFORMATION ON BACK)

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Transcript Attached

Cum GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Sem. GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Prev. Sem. GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Cum Hrs \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Complete the following tables:

TOPICAL MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

100/200 Level Course #	Course Title	Sem/Yr (ex. FA05, SP06)
300/400 Level Course #		

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6. Attach a description or contract for each Independent Study listed above.

7. Number of common courses between topical major and departmental major: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Designated Capstone/culminating experience:      **Catalog#**      **Course Title**      **Semester**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*Describe any modifications to the coursework that will be made to ensure an appropriate capstone experience for the topical major. (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)*

9. Statement of endorsement by faculty member who will teach/supervise capstone experience:

*I concur with the student's justification and modifications to the course to be used as the capstone experience and I support the proposal.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date