

Petition for Independent Interdisciplinary Major

Brandeis University - Office of Academic Services

Name _____

Class Year _____ Student I.D. Number _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Campus Phone _____

Title of Proposed Major _____

Please list other majors and minors you plan to complete if your Independent Interdisciplinary Major is also approved (if applicable).

If your IIM is not approved, please indicate the alternative major you plan to declare.

Composition of Major Committee:

Primary Advisor Name _____ Department _____

E-mail _____ Mail Stop # _____ Phone ext. _____

Advisor Name _____ Department _____

E-mail _____ Mail Stop # _____ Phone ext. _____

Advisor Name _____ Department _____

E-mail _____ Mail Stop # _____ Phone ext. _____

Please attach:

- completed "Proposed Curriculum for Independent Interdisciplinary Major"
- written proposal
- copies of similar majors offered at other colleges and universities
- a letter of endorsement signed by three faculty advisors from at least two different departments

By signing below, I am acknowledging my intention to complete the proposed curriculum of courses listed in Sections I, II and III. I understand that after final approval of my proposal by the UCC, any deletions, substitutions or additions must be discussed and ultimately approved by my primary advisor.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Section II: Optional Non-Brandeis Courses
(e.g., Study Abroad, Summer School, Cross-Registration, etc.)

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Completed/Scheduled	Grade Earned

Section III: Mandatory Senior Experience
(Check One)

Course Number

Course Title

IIM 99d

Senior Research (Two semesters)

or

IIM 98a or 98b

Independent Study (One semester)

Topic of Research _____

Faculty Sponsor _____

Section IV: Alternate Courses

(List possible substitutes for courses not available due to scheduling changes or conflicts in Sections I&II)

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Scheduled

Section V: Background Courses

(List completed courses that indicate your preparation to do advanced work, e.g., foreign language, computer training, statistics, etc.)

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Completed/Scheduled	Grade Earned

Section VI: Written Proposal

Please attach your written proposal, typically 3-4 typed pages. The proposal should include the following sections:

- A description of the major and how it contributes to your intellectual development.
- An explanation of why this IIM is preferable to a combination of existing majors/minors.
- A comparison of the structure and content of this major to that of programs at other schools. Include the names of the schools and the programs offered, and attach printed curriculum descriptions from 3-6 comparable programs.
- A discussion of the curriculum and how the courses contribute to your course of study.
- A description of your intellectual goals and post-Brandeis plans.

Section VII: Attachments

Please attach:

- The letter of endorsement, signed by all three faculty advisors.
- Printed copies of comparable majors offered at other colleges and universities

Petitions are due either in early October or early March. Check with the Office of Academic Services or the website for exact dates. Please note an Independent Interdisciplinary Major must be declared before the end of your junior year.