Interdisciplinary MINOR Proposal Form

Name________________________________    Class 20____     Student ID#_____________________
Cell tel. #______________________    E-mail __________________@u.rochester.edu    Gender _____
CPU or address____________________   Home Tel.# _______________________
Home address _______________________________________________________________________

Your major(s)  (You must have officially declared a major before a minor can be approved):
__________________________________________________________________________________

If you have already declared, or intend to declare a minor in addition to your interdepartmental minor, please specify: __________________________________________________________

Title of proposed minor:
__________________________________________________________________________________

List, by department, the 6 courses which will comprise your interdepartmental minor:

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Faculty member who has agreed to serve as your adviser:

Print name of faculty adviser          Faculty Adviser Dept.          Signature of Faculty adviser          Date

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Primary Writing Requirement (check one):

_____ completed WRT 105 with grade of C or better in ____________ semester
_____ will take WRT 105 in ____________ semester
_____ other: __________________________________________________

Rochester Curriculum Registration

Students need to pursue substantive and integrated study in each of the three divisions. Completion of a major, a minor, or a Cluster with an average grade of C or better meets that goal. All students need to complete at least one major in one of the three divisions and one Cluster in each of the other two.

Do you intend for this minor, if approved, to satisfy one of the College Requirements? ___yes  ___ no

In which division does this minor belong?  ___Humanities  ___ Nat’l Sciences/Engineering ___ Social Sciences

Indicate how you plan to fulfill your Rochester Curriculum requirements:

Division of Humanities
 major ___________________________________
 or minor ___________________________________
 or Cluster title ___________________________ and number _______________________

Division of Social Sciences
 major ___________________________________
 or minor ___________________________________
 or Cluster title ___________________________ and number _______________________

Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering
 major ___________________________________
 or minor ___________________________________
 or Cluster title ___________________________ and number _______________________

Proposal reviewed with _____________________, MSC Academic Adviser, on __________ signature
Proposal essays

Please attach additional sheets to respond to the following questions. Expressing your program clearly and concisely is an important factor in the approval process.

You are strongly recommended to consult with your faculty adviser, as well as with advisers in the Multidisciplinary Studies Center in writing these essays.

The first two questions can generally be answered in about a paragraph. The third essay is usually about two to three pages long. When reviewing proposals, the Committee takes all of the elements into account: title of proposed minor, courses, faculty letters of recommendation, essays. Proposals with poorly written essays will not be approved.

1. Although the Committee will judge your program on the basis of its academic merit, the Committee also serves in an advisory role. Please briefly discuss your long-term educational and career goals.

2. Discuss why these goals cannot be achieved within an existing departmental minor, or within a combination of a departmental major and a minor and/or certificate.

3. How do you propose to integrate the above courses listed into a unified course of study? Explain how you propose to make your minor more than just a series of courses in different departments.

The third essay is the most important part of your proposal. You need to give details about the courses you have taken, as well as those you have not taken. Explain how the courses will form a minor, by relating each course to the larger picture. You may compile information on courses you haven’t already taken from the bulletin, from past and current course description handbooks, and most important, from your faculty adviser. Your notes and course syllabi from courses already taken are valuable resources.

Read the general handout on interdepartmental majors and minors for more information.

Information about the application process

• Application deadlines for new or revised proposals: November 1 and April 1. NOTE: All interdisciplinary minors must be approved by the end of the first semester of the senior year.

• A completed application consists of:

1. Your proposed course list. Be sure you have the correct department name, course number, and title. A minor normally consists of six courses, or 24 credit hours. NOTE: No overlap is allowed between an interdisciplinary minor and another minor or major. For an interdisciplinary minor, all courses must normally be taken within The College.

2. Your three essays, as described above. It is essential that you work on your essays with your faculty advisers, and an academic adviser in the Multidisciplinary Studies Center prior to submitting your proposal. Help is also available from the Writing, Speaking, and Argument program.
3. One faculty adviser recommendation. (Your adviser will indicate his/her support to the Committee on Individualized Interdisciplinary Programs by completing a recommendation form, which you should give to him/her at least two weeks in advance of the application deadline.)

4. At least two weeks prior to the proposal deadline, schedule an appointment to review your proposal with an adviser in the Multidisciplinary Studies Center.

5. Submit the Overlap Declaration Form (available at the College Center for Advising Services in Lattimore 312).

6. The Committee’s response letter will be mailed to your CMC box and to your UR email address.

If you have questions, contact the Multidisciplinary Studies Center office (585-276-5305).

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