



How to declare  
your major...

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# Agenda:

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- Resources
- Steps to declare
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# Rochester Curriculum

Students must satisfy each of the three academic divisions:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences and Engineering

At minimum, students will complete one major and two clusters

# Majors and Minors and Clusters (oh my!)

- Majors - typically require 12-14 courses
- Minors - typically require 5-6 courses
- Clusters - 12 credits in total; typically 3 courses

(Engineering and transfer student requirements may vary)



# Special Circumstances

- Double Majors: Two majors/*ONE* degree
  - Economics + English major = one B.A.
- Double Degrees:  
Two or more majors/*TWO* degrees
  - Microbiology (B.S.) + Anthropology (B.A.)
  - Mathematics (B.S.) + Chemistry (B.S.)
  - Double degrees require 136 credits
- Overlap Policy



# Special Circumstances

## Interdepartmental majors, minors and clusters

- “Islam and the Modern World”
- “Artistic Activism: World of Dance and Politics”
- “Computer Information Systems”

[http://www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/concentrations/  
index.html](http://www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/concentrations/index.html)

# Resources

- College [website](#) for majors & minors
- [Advising Week](#) (March 30-April 3)
- [Career Center](#) library & seminars
- Department Events

# Resources

- Professors and departmental advisers
  - [Peer Advisers](#) are your fellow students!
- CCAS Advisers (Lattimore 312)
- [Health Professions](#) advisers (Latt 203)
- Pre-major advisers
- [Sophomore website](#)



## How do Certificates fit in?

- Explore academic interests in areas that are not available as majors or minors
- Noted on your transcript to identify additional areas of interest
- <http://www.rochester.edu/college/CCAS/students/opportunities/certificates.html>

# Steps to Declare



- Review departmental websites
- Outline a tentative course plan
- Print your record from Blackboard

- Obtain blue major declaration form in Lattimore 312
- Arrange an appointment with appropriate faculty member

- Each department has authorized faculty who may approve your major or minor

- Authorized signature list on the CCAS website:

<http://www.rochester.edu/college/CCAS/students/curriculum/authsign.html>

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Box # or Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Local Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**A. Approval Form for Majors and Minors**

Declaring \_\_\_\_\_ B.A. or  B.S. MAJOR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Arts and Sciences (see reverse)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering & Applied Sciences (see reverse)  
 Declaring \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR (see reverse)

Field of Major or Minor:  
MATHEMATICS

Course No.	Course Title
<u>MTH 235</u>	<u>Linear Algebra</u>
<u>MTH 236</u>	<u>Abstract Algebra</u>
<u>MTH 240H</u>	<u>Honors Topology</u>
<u>MTH 265</u>	<u>Real Analysis / Real Variables</u>
<u>MTH 282</u>	<u>Complex Variables</u>
<u>MTH 237</u>	<u>Algebra II</u>
<u>MTH 255</u>	<u>Differential Geometry</u>
<u>MTH 201</u>	<u>Introduction to Probability</u>
<u>PHY 235W</u>	<u>Classical Mechanics</u>
<u>MTH 300W</u>	<u>History of Math</u>
<u>MTH 208</u>	<u>Operations Research</u>
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Student's faculty adviser is Jonathan Pakianathan  
Jonathan Pakianathan  
 Signature of authorized faculty member

(For major/minor in African/African-Amer. Studies, Russian Studies, & Women's Studies and for minor in Legal Studies, please indicate division: \_\_\_\_\_)

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Primary Writing Requirement**

Completed WRT 105 with  $\geq C$  in Fall 2008 semester.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Will take WRT 105 in \_\_\_\_\_ semester.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Rochester Curriculum Registration**

Students are expected to pursue substantive and integrated study in each of the three divisions. All students need to complete at least one major in one of the three divisions and one Cluster in each of the other two, each with an average grade of C or better. (See reverse for additional information.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a transfer student; this form reflects my circumstances.

Include at least one entry for each division.

**Division of Humanities**

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Cluster Title Spanish  
 and Cluster Number H13P002

**Division of Social Sciences**

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Cluster Title ECONOMICS  
 and Cluster Number S1ECC003

**Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering**

Major(s) Mathematics, Physics  
 or Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Cluster Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 and Cluster Number \_\_\_\_\_

Changes in your Rochester Curriculum Registration do not need faculty approval, but must be submitted on a revised Registration form to Lattimore 312.

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## Tips for Meeting with Faculty

- Schedule a time or use office hours
  - Don't just drop in
- Not sure how to make an appt?
  - Talk to dept. administrator or check web site
- Introduce yourself
  - Be prepared with questions
- Ask about their interests:
  - Why did you choose to study this discipline?

## Questions for Faculty

- What is the upper level writing requirement?
- What is the Transfer credit policy?
- When are departmental events for majors?
- Any special opportunities?
  - [Undergraduate Research](#), TA jobs
  - Independent studies



# Deadlines:



Plan to declare your major by early April of sophomore year

Some financial aid (i.e. TAP) may be jeopardized if not declared by early junior year

- Undeclared juniors will be reclassified to sophomore status in the spring
- Take Five/KEY/ Study Abroad eligibility

## Upcoming Dates!

Class of 2017 students should declare their major by **April 3rd** to participate in the Major Declaration Ceremony on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.



## Recently Added Majors & Minors

- Environmental Health (B.S. – NS)
- American Studies (H, SS)
- Digital Media Studies (H, NS)
- East Asian Studies (H, SS)
- Audio and Music Engineering (NS)
- B.S. in Business (SS)



# Don't forget handouts!

- Major declaration form
- Course Approval Form
- Review sample books from the Career Center  
(more available in the Career Center Library in  
Dewey Hall)



Thank you for attending!

**Questions?**