

**Simpson College
Interdisciplinary Studies Program**

Application for Independent Interdisciplinary Major

(Students can apply for the IIM if they have completed between 32 and 80 hours towards the BA.)

Name _____

Graduation Date _____ Student I.D. Number _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Campus Phone _____

Title of Proposed Major _____

Please list other major(s) and minor(s) you plan to complete along with the Independent Interdisciplinary Major (IIM).

If the IIM is not approved, please indicate the alternative major(s) and minor(s) you plan to declare.

Composition of the IIM Academic Advisory Committee (3 are required):

Advisor Name _____ Department _____

Signature _____

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Signature _____

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Signature _____

Please attach the 1) "Proposed Curriculum for Independent Interdisciplinary Major"; 2) an unofficial transcript; 3) a "Written Proposal" as described below and 4) two letters of support from faculty members.

I understand that after final approval of my proposal by the Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, any deletions, substitutions or additions must be discussed and ultimately approved by my primary advisor and approved through the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Written Proposal

Students must prepare and attach a typed statement that includes

a) Concise description (2-3 sentences) of the particular topic, theme issue or question that the IIM will address

b) A rationale describing why this problem or theme cannot be met within a current major or multidisciplinary concentration of the college.

c) An explanation of the coherence of selected coursework.

d) A description of the nature of the capstone experience including the type of course (course, research, internship, etc.) and how it will be the culminating project of the course. For research projects, provide the name of the sponsoring faculty member.

e) Additional information such as information about similar majors offered at other colleges and universities should also be included here.

f) Are there special needs for the major (lab equipment, etc.) that are not available at Simpson? How do you plan to meet these needs to complete the major?

Proposed Curriculum for Independent Interdisciplinary Major

Section I: Courses

- Must include 10 4-credit courses plus the capstone experience
- No more than 4 100-level courses
- At least 3 300-level courses
- No more than 2 independent study courses, not including the capstone experience
- The courses must span at least two academic departments.
- No more than 4 courses may be counted as part of the IIM and any other major or minor earned by the student.

See “Section II: Capstone Experience” and “Section III: Alternative Requirements” on next page.

	Department and Number (e.g., Span 307)	Course Title	Semester Completed or Scheduled
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Section II: Capstone Experience

Choose a 4-credit course, research experience or internship that will serve as a capstone to the major.

Course Number

Course Title

IntSt 398

Independent Interdisciplinary Research (4 credits)

or

IntSt 385

Capstone Experience (4 credits)

or

_____ (other 4-credit capstone experience)

Section III: Alternative Requirements

In order to make the degree flexible, include alternatives for the courses in Section I that have not been taken yet. This list will be used to make substitutions within the major in case a course is not offered when expected.

Department and Number (e.g., Span 307)	Course Title	Course Department and Number from Section I that this course substitutes for