

**Declaration of the Plan of Study for the Individualized Interdisciplinary Major (IIM)**

Students should begin the process of declaring an IIM by the **first semester of their sophomore year** with all work completed well **before** the deadline for second semester sophomores to declare a major. Please return this form to The Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies (VMG24) or [associateprovost@goucher.edu](mailto:associateprovost@goucher.edu).

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
*(last, first)*

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*Student's signature* *date*  
Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a proposal (typically 3-4 pages) of your IIM major covering the points listed below.

1. Choose your three disciplines. Contact a **primary advisor** to discuss your academic plan in the first semester of your sophomore year. Get preliminary permission to proceed with the steps below.
  - Write a proposal that explains why you should be allowed to create an IIM. Be sure to discuss how the disciplines will work together. Try to find ways to show why your goals cannot be met with a traditional major and minor/concentration. State how you will meet writing proficiency in the interdisciplinary major, which CPEs you will take and how you plan to complete a capstone or a senior thesis. Include how you will complete all remaining GCRs.
  - Create a timetable. Include a map of your classes over the course of four years (a 4-year plan). Include your Study Abroad plans (these may change) and any internship plans (internships are optional, but highly recommended). Please note the number of credits in total and whether or not you have already taken a course (minimum 48 credits for this major).
  - Create an annotated list of all courses that are relevant to the interdisciplinary major. The list should include how each and every course relates to and enhances the basic rationale, divided into three parts:
    - Required courses that introduce the student to the content and methods of each discipline.
    - The probable electives at the intermediate level that develop the content and methods and delimit the student's areas of interest and responsibility.
    - The capstone experience and courses that will bring the major to a unified intellectual vision of what has been accomplished. Capstone experiences can include independent studies and senior thesis, among others.
2. Discuss your ideas with a potential advisor in each of the three disciplines (one must take the role of **primary advisor**). If you do not have an advisor in mind, make an appointment with the Department Chair of the chosen discipline. Please note that only full-time faculty members are eligible to serve as IIM advisors. You can find this information on the Program Contacts online.) Identify the **primary advisor** and confirm the other two advisors.
3. **Before the deadline for second-semester sophomores to declare**, the completed application should be sent to [associateprovost@goucher.edu](mailto:associateprovost@goucher.edu) and **must** include:
  - a. The signed declaration form
  - b. The written proposal
  - c. The Course Map (4-year plan)

Title of IIM: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Primary Advisor</i> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>(printed &amp; signed)</i></span>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>date</i>
<i>Advisor in 2<sup>nd</sup> discipline</i> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>(printed &amp; signed)</i></span>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>date</i>
<i>Advisor in 3<sup>rd</sup> discipline</i> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>(printed &amp; signed)</i></span>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>date</i>

**Submit this form with all 3 signatures to the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies along with your proposal, the timeline and the annotated list of courses (items 2, 3 & 4 above).**