

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.

STUDENT NAME _____ ID# _____
(last, first)

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. Meet with the IIM Director, to discuss your plans in the **first semester of your sophomore year**. Get preliminary permission to proceed with the steps below.
2. **Choose your three disciplines.** 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.
3. Discuss your ideas with a potential advisor in each of the three disciplines. If you do not have an advisor in mind, make an appointment with the head of that discipline. **Please note that only full-time faculty members are eligible to serve as IIM advisors.** (You can find this information online.) Confirm all three advisors. Submit a Declaration of Individualized Interdisciplinary Major Form with all 3 signatures.
4. 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.
5. Students must also state how they will meet writing proficiency in the interdisciplinary major, which CPEs they will take and how they plan to complete a capstone or a senior thesis.
6. Create a time table. 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 # of credits in total and whether or not you've already taken that course (minimum 48 credits for this major).
7. **Meet with IIM director a second time to finalize, get the final signature & approval to declare the major.**

Title of IIM : _____

Individualized Interdisciplinary Major Signature of IMM Director Date

Advisor/Sponsor (printed & signed) Discipline date

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