



## School of Arts and Sciences Individualized Major Instructions

The Individualized Major should be designed in consultation with a faculty advisor and additional academic sponsors from different academic departments. Students may begin the search for appropriate faculty with the undergraduate directors in the departments from which they are drawing courses.

### Application must include:

- **A 1-page Statement of Purpose and Learning Goals** describing the student's academic objectives and clearly explaining why they cannot be accomplished within the current structure of majors, minors, and electives open to SAS students.
- **A proposed individualized program listing the courses** the student intends to complete and the semester when the student intends to take the courses. Students may include short lists of "elective courses" within the major from which they will choose a set number. For example, a student may list six specific courses and indicate that s/he will take a minimum of four courses from that list. The total number of minimums must equal no less than 36 credits. The curriculum will be binding once approved. Students should consult with the faculty regarding the availability of the courses they are considering including.
- The approval and signature of a **SAS faculty advisor** and at least two additional faculty sponsors. Of these three, **at least two must be members of the SAS.**
- The signature of the [SAS Dean for Educational Initiatives and the Core Curriculum](#). Students may send drafts for preliminary comments as they develop their proposals.

### The following requirements apply to all individualized majors:

- The major must be formulated and pursued under the guidance of an academically appropriate SAS faculty advisor and two additional faculty members. Of these three, at least two must be members of the SAS.
- The major must consist of at least 36 credits.
- Two-thirds of the credits must be from courses offered by the SAS (01:XXX:XXX).
- Three-fourths of the credits (i.e. at least 27 credits) must be at the 300 level or above.
- At least one course must be taken as an independent study directed by the faculty advisor. This course substitutes for a senior seminar and should provide a coherent integration of the program of study.

**Please submit the completed form with all attachments to:**  
Associate Dean for Educational Initiatives and the Core Curriculum  
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