

Proposal for an Individualized Interdisciplinary Major
Office of the Registrar, Luther College

Name: _____ Date: _____

ID#: _____ E-mail: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Year in School: (circle one) Senior Junior Soph. First Special Term: _____

Title of Proposed Major: _____

Other Major [if any] being completed: _____

Minors [if any] being completed: _____

- **A student may propose an individualized interdisciplinary major (IIM) developed in close consultation with a faculty advisor. An IIM proposal should have sufficient coherence in the disciplines/departments involved to achieve a knowledge base and an understanding of the philosophy and methods comparable to those of a traditional major. The rationale should be a product of close collaboration between the student and the faculty advisor.**

In addition, IIM proposals should meet the following criteria:

1. **GPA.** Students should have a GPA of at least 3.00 at the time an IIM proposal is submitted. (A person with GPA lower than 3.00 may petition for an exception, providing a rationale for the request.)
2. **CREDITS.** An IIM proposal is expected to have between 30 and 40 credit hours.. At least 16 credits in the proposed IIM must be in courses numbered 300 and above. The major must also identify a suitable course to meet the general requirement in writing and specify a suitable senior project (1-4 cr.) unless a senior project is completed in conjunction with another major.
3. **ENDORSEMENTS.** An IIM proposal must be endorsed by the student's faculty advisor and approved by the Registrar and the Course and Catalog Review Subcommittee (CCR) of the Academic Planning Committee (APC).
4. **TIMING.** The student must show when he/she anticipates enrolling in each course included in the major. Each proposed course must be signed by the relevant department head at the time of proposal.
5. **SUBMISSION.** An IIM proposal, together with an unofficial transcript, should be submitted to the Registrar by December 1st of the student's Junior year. Students may expect a committee response no later than March 1.
6. **RATIONALE.** Every IIM proposal should be accompanied by a two-page typed rationale in which the student, in close consultation with the faculty advisor, describes how and why the IIM relates to the student's educational goals, the purpose of the individual courses, the relationship that exists among the courses, and how they fit together to support the proposed major. Courses taken at other institutions that are unavailable at Luther may be included.

