

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS SEEKING TO DECLARE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDS)

I. Consider your academic and professional goals

- a. Does your intended field or career require a specific degree or competency?
- b. If you are pursuing graduate school, will this degree fulfill those admission requirements?
- c. Do you have ample time to complete your areas before your projected graduation date?
- d. Which areas of emphasis could best assist you in your goals?
- e. Which courses would best represent the preparation most appropriate for these goals?
- f. What courses have you already completed towards the IDS major?

II. Create the framework for your plan

- a. Are the courses in this area of emphasis distinguishable from the other areas proposed?
- b. Is the proposed title for this area of emphasis appropriate for the courses within it?
- c. Will the total hours in this emphasis fit with those selected for the other chosen areas?
- d. Have you selected University Studies requirements that will not be included in your areas?
- e. Have you considered which faculty member you will approach for each area selected?
- f. Have you created an initial draft prior to meeting with prospective faculty advisors?

III. Consult with faculty advisors for each area of emphasis selected

- a. Have you asked about course offerings and rotations for those courses within your emphasis?
- b. Have pre-requisites for the selected courses been included in the emphasis or the electives?
- c. Have you considered the faculty member's suggested modifications to your proposal, either based upon your professional goals or course rotations within the department?
- d. Has the faculty member agreed to your proposed title for the area and the courses within it?
- e. Has each faculty advisor signed the mutually approved list of courses for his/her area on the final copy of your proposed study plan?

IV. Finalize the proposed plan of study

- a. Has the final form been completed in pen or typed?
- b. Has each faculty advisor agreed to and signed the proposed list of courses for his/her area on the final submission?
- c. Have you included the name, course number and credit hours for each course within the plan?
- d. Does the plan include at least 120 degree hours?
- e. Does the plan include at least 48 degree hours in your combined areas of emphasis?
- f. Have you scheduled an appointment with the USAC to review and submit your finalized plan?

V. Follow your approved plan after receiving confirmation from the Dean

VI. Revisions to your plan

- a. Does the proposed revision compromise your goals or enhance them?
- b. Will you still have at least 120 degree hours included in your plan?
- c. Will you still have at least 30 hours (39 for FA08 catalog or later) of 300-599 senior level courses?
- d. Will you still have 12-30 hours in each area of emphasis after the proposed change?
- e. Will you still have a minimum of 48 hours total within the areas of emphasis?
- f. Will the change still fit within the 30 hour maximum under the Harrison College of Business?