

SPECIAL MAJOR FOR A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

The Special Major for a Bachelor of Arts Degree provides an opportunity for students to engage in an individualized course of study leading to a degree when one's academic and professional goals are not accommodated by standard degree majors. The Special Major consists of correlated studies in two or more fields and should provide integrated instruction comparable in quality and depth to regular major programs. It is not intended as a means of bypassing normal graduation requirements.

The Special Major must be approved in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, with approval based upon a case-by-case justification. The candidate must have one full year of academic work (at least 30 units) still to be completed to meet minimum degree requirements and must have the special major program approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs at least one semester prior to the semester of graduation. The minimum requirement for the Special Major is an approved program of 45 units at least 30 units of which must be upper division work. Units applied to satisfy General Education requirements may not be included in the Special Major. Also, a maximum of six independent study units may be included in the Special Major Program. Any exception to this limit must be approved in writing by the Vice President for Academic Affairs upon written recommendation by the Special Major Advisor prior to registration for the additional units.

A student requesting a Special Major must obtain application forms from the Office of Advising and Orientation. On these forms the student must: 1) Prepare a statement giving reasons for desiring a Special Major in terms of academic and professional goals and why these goals cannot be met through a standard major; 2) Develop a specific list of courses which would lead to the academic and professional goals stated above; 3) Secure the signed approval from the Office of Advising and Orientation, as well as from Special Major Advisor and department chairmen in the areas from which the Special Major courses are drawn. The student must submit the foregoing material to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs for final approval.

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