

SECTION II
PROPOSAL FOR PURSUING
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

Name _____ Student ID No. _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address _____
 STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Undergraduate Degree _____ Major _____ Minor _____

Date Degree Granted _____ Institution _____ Overall GPA _____

Current Enrollment Status _____ Postbaccalaureate GPA _____

Date of Application for University Admission _____

Standardized Test Scores:

_____	_____	_____	Test Date _____
GRE	VERBAL	QUANTITATIVE	(IF NOT ALREADY TAKEN)
_____	_____	_____	
GMAT		TOEFL	

Additional Information:

Provide any additional comments or documentation regarding academic or professional preparation and qualifications that specifically address academic study and research in the requested degree program.

Complete all sections as required and submit your proposal and supporting documents to:

Dean, Division of Graduate Studies
California State University, Fresno
Thomas Bldg., Room 132
5241 North Maple Avenue M/S TA51
Fresno CA 93740-8027

II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Official Title of Degree

____ Master of Arts (MA) Interdisciplinary Studies or

____ Master of Science (MS) Interdisciplinary Studies

Note: The MS in Interdisciplinary Studies is awarded for programs that include breadth of scientific knowledge as well as attainment of specific professional competencies in scientific research methodologies and data-driven analysis. MS degrees are appropriate for those who wish to engage in professional science-related careers that cross over several traditional specializations. The MA in Interdisciplinary Studies is awarded in all fields, particularly those that include the arts, letters, and humanities.

Working Title

Nature and Purpose of Proposed Program of Study

Academic and Career Goals to be Met Through Completion of This Program

Identify Resources (faculty and facilities) Required

Justification for Requesting the Interdisciplinary Major

Independent Study Description(s) (if applicable) (A maximum of 6 units are allowed)

Time to complete program (5-year maximum): _____

Additional Degree Requirements:

The following requirements must be completed during the first 15 units of the Graduate Plan of Study:

1. All graduate students must demonstrate their competence in written English.

Describe means for demonstrating skills (Note: It is recommended that an approved procedure from one of the identified graduate programs be utilized):

2. Other requirements as recommended by Advisory Committee:

a. Foreign Language _____

Date Passed _____ Not Required _____

b. Qualifying Exam _____

Date Passed _____ Not Required _____

c. Other: _____

Thesis Requirement:

All interdisciplinary studies major students are required to submit an acceptable thesis. A preliminary topic for the thesis should be presented as part of the proposal to obtain a Master's Degree Interdisciplinary Studies major. The thesis committee members are not required to be from the Advisory Committee. Please refer to the General Catalog for requirements regarding criteria for thesis.

Proposed Thesis Title: _____

Provide a brief description of the planned thesis topic.

IV. FACULTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Identify the faculty members who you would like to have serve on your Advisory Committee and secure their signatures to indicate their willingness to serve on your committee.

	NAME	SIGNATURE	DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE
Committee Chair	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Must be member of graduate group)				
Member #1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #3	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #4	_____	_____	_____	_____

V. COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name: _____ Date _____

Telephone: _____

Please check as appropriate. Comments /suggestions would be helpful.

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NAME OF DEGREE: _____

University Graduate Committee Recommendation:

Approved: _____

Resubmit: _____

Deny: _____

Reason for denial: _____

Other: _____

CHAIR, UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMITTEE DATE

DEAN, DIVISION OF GRADUATE STUDIES DATE

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

NAME OF DEGREE: _____

TECHNICAL REVIEW

Technical review completed _____ by _____
DATE

Comments on Technical Review: _____

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