

## THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR/MINOR

Students with specific career goals or with unique individual objectives may propose majors and minors designed to meet their academic needs. The Individually Designed Major/Minor (IDM) is designed to assist the student who would like a major or minor for which there is no established curriculum. The following policies govern the program:

1. The student must be enrolled at UAB with degree-seeking status.
2. The student is expected to meet all core/general studies requirements, any requirements of the degree-granting school, and any requirements designated by the dean of the college or school.
3. The student must satisfy all university policies for completion of degree. This includes the university's residency and capstone requirement.
4. A comprehensive academic proposal should be submitted which includes a rationale for pursuing the individually designed major/minor as well as a list of academic objectives and learning outcomes must accompany your application.
  - a. The proposal may include your academic interests, reasons why you are passionate about the topic you have chosen as a major, societal significance of the topic, the courses you have chosen, and your career goals.
  - b. The proposal must be focused, organized, detailed, and thorough. At least 3.5 pages in length, double-spaced, and grammatically correct.
  - c. The proposal should articulate educational goals for critical thinking, knowledge, and delineate the expectations for your educational experience.
  - d. In addition, the proposal should contain a list of learning outcomes. The learning outcomes articulate what you will be able to do at the end of your studies. These can be knowledge-based or skills-based outcomes. A minimum of 5 to 6 outcomes are expected.
5. An Individually Designed Major must have a minimum of 40 semester hours with 20 hours at the 300 level or above (including 9 hours at the 400-level or above). An Individually Designed Minor requires 21 semester hours with 9 hours at the 300-level or above. All courses must be passed with a 'C' or higher. A course may not be used to satisfy both a major and minor requirement.
6. A student should first submit an application for IDM to an academic advisor in the school most directly associated with the proposed program of study. The student and advisor should develop a plan of course work to meet the goals of the IDM. The application must be approved by the appropriate department chair (if applicable) and dean of the college or school. Any changes from the originally approved program must also be approved by the dean. Substitutions for courses are rare and must be submitted by the student's academic advisor and approved by the dean.
7. When the proposal is completely approved it will be filed with the Office of the Registrar. A student will not be recognized as an Individually Designed Major/Minor until their program has been filed.
8. Certain schools cannot award degrees for Individually Designed Majors/Minors due to accreditation requirements. Students should discuss this with their academic advisor.

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**THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR**

Individually Designed Major Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
*For Assignment in Banner*

Please list course number, name, grade, hours awarded and the college where the course was taken. In instances where the course has not been taken, please list all of the above documentation with the exception of the grade.

Courses for Major (40 hours min.) with at least 20 hours at the level of 300 or above and 9 hours at 400 level or above. 25% of the requirements must be completed at UAB including 21 of the last 30 hours.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**THE CORE CURRICULUM**

Students are expected to meet the Core Curriculum requirements for the school from which the student will graduate. Please refer to the current UAB Catalog for the specific requirements for each area.

**Area I : Written Composition (6 credit hours)**

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**Area II: Humanities & Fine Arts (12 credit hours)**

*(must include at least 3 credit hours of literature and 3 credit hours of fine art)*

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**Area III: Natural Science & Mathematics (11 credit hours)**

*(must include at least 3 credit hours of mathematics and 8 credit hours of natural science with laboratory)*

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**Area IV: History, Social & Behavioral Science (12 credit hours)**

*(must include at least 3 credit hours of history and 6 credit hours of non-history)*

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\*\*\*Students must complete either a six credit hour sequence in Literature, History or Economics.

**UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Instead of the core curriculum requirements (41 credit hours), students in the University Honors Program take 33 credit hours of honors coursework and 3-6 hours (depending on the major) in mathematics.

**First Year Fall Interdisciplinary Honors (9 credit hours).**

COURSE NO	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE	UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

**Second Year Fall Interdisciplinary Honors (9 credit hours).**

COURSE NO	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE	UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

**Honors Seminar**

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**Core Mathematics Requirements (3 credit hours)**

*(minimum math required for Core Curriculum is MA 105-Precalculus or MA 110-Finite Math)*

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**MINOR**

*Use this form for a standard minor*

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Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL FOR THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR**

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Individually Designed Major Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor  
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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement by Department Chair(s) & Deans:**

I certify that this proposed program is well-balanced to meet this student's educational/career goals for a major and/or minor.

Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MINOR**

Individually Designed Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request approval of the following Individually Designed Minor:

COURSE NO	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE	UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTIVES**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE	UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

**TOTAL DEGREE HOURS**

**Total Hours/Electives** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Hours Core Curriculum** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Hours Major** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Hours Minor** \_\_\_\_\_