

THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR/MINOR

(AS OF FALL 1998)

Students with specific career goals or with unique individual objectives may propose majors and minors designed to meet their individual 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 school.
3. The student must satisfy all university policies for completion of degree.
4. A statement of educational goals with a rationale for the Individually Designed Major/Minor must accompany the student's application.
5. An Individually Designed Major must have a minimum of 40 semester hours with 20 hours at the 300 level or above. An Individually Designed Minor requires 21 semester hours with nine hours at the 300 level or above.
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 the 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 and dean of the school. Any course changes from the originally approved program must also be approved by the dean.
7. The completed proposal for an Individually Designed Major/Minor should be submitted to the Academic Programs and Policy office (see below). When approved the program will be filed with the Office of Registration and Academic Records. A student will not be recognized as an Individually Designed Major/Minor until his/her program has been filed.
8. Certain schools cannot award degrees for Individually Designed Majors/Minors because of accreditation requirements. Students should discuss this with the academic advisor.

Academic Programs and Policy
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Individually Designed Major Title: _____

Name of Student: _____

Student Number: _____

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 with the exception of the grade.

Courses for Major (40 hours min.) with at least 20 hours at the level of 300 or above:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ **Total Hours:** _____

Complete if necessary:

▲ Total Quarter Hours _____

▲ Conversion of Quarter Hours _____

▲ Total Semester Hours _____

CORE CURRICULUM AS OF FALL 1998

Core Curriculum from School of: _____

Students are expected to meet the Core Curriculum for the school from which the student will graduate. **The following form should be used by students who are completing the Core Curriculum in effect as of Fall 1998.** Please refer to the current UAB Catalog for the specific requirements for each area.

▲ Area I. Written Composition

6 Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ Area II. Humanities and Fine Arts

12 Semester Hours*

(must include at least 3 semester hours of literature and 3 semester hours in the arts)

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ Area III. Natural Sciences and Mathematics

11 Semester Hours

(must include 3 semester hours of mathematics and 8 semester hours of natural sciences)

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ Area IV. History, Social and Behavioral Sciences 12 Semester Hours*

(must include at least 3 semester hours and 6 semester hours in disciplines other than history)

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

Total Hours/UAB Core _____

*Students must complete either a 6-semester hour sequence in Literature or in History.

SCHOOL-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and
Social and Behavioral Sciences

(students must complete two of the three requirements for a maximum of six semester hours)

▲ A. Foreign Language/Foreign Culture

3 Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ B. Critical Reasoning/Philosophy

3 Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

▲ C. Computer Science/Technology

0-3 Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

Total Hours/Academic School Core _____

MINOR

(Use this form for standard minor)

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

Name of Standard Minor _____ Academic School _____

Total Hours/Minor _____

THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MINOR

Individually Designed Minor: _____

Name of Student: _____

Student Number _____ Phone _____ (H) _____ (W)

Address: _____

I hereby request approval of the following Individually Designed Minor:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

Total Hours _____

 Student Signature Date

 Department Chair Date

 Dean Date

 Director, Academic Programs and Policy Date

ELECTIVES

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Grade	University or College

Total Hours/Electives _____

Total Degree Hours _____

APPROVAL FOR THE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR

Individually Designed Major: _____

Name of Student: _____

Student Number: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Statement by Department Chair(s) and Deans:

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

Signature of Approval: _____ Date: _____
Department Chair

Signature of Approval: _____ Date: _____
Dean

Signature of Approval: _____ Date: _____
Director, Academic Programs and Policy