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RE: Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Major

Attached is a request to offer an Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Major in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. We currently have a few students combining courses to make an integrated program of study where the primary subject is in FACS. The Honors Program has been trying to expand programs to include other colleges, but currently the only majors are in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The students will receive a BSFCS degree with a major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. All the requirements for application and admission would follow those created in the Honors Program. Since the program would not require any new courses we would not be requesting additional faculty or resources.

University System of Georgia
Format for New Program Proposal
(Submit three copies)

Institution The University of Georgia Date March 24, 2005

School/Division College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Department N/A

Name of Proposed Program Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Degree BSFCS Major Honors Interdisciplinary Studies CIP Code _____

Starting Date Upon approval

1. Program Abstract

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies has expanded to include colleges outside the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Students who complete their program with the major emphasis in areas covered in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences will be eligible to receive a B.S.F.C.S. degree in the College with a major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. This major will follow the guidelines set by the Honors Program regarding Interdisciplinary Studies. It will be administered by the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

2. Objectives of the program

“This major is designed to allow Honors students to create an integrated program out of a coherently defined interdisciplinary combination of courses. These courses must be selected in consultation with the student’s major advisor. The area of study may be chronological, geographical, substantive, or based on some other cohesive principle of organization. HIS programs are available for AB, BS, and BSA degrees.” (Honors Home Page: www.uga.edu/honors/handbook/Ra-opportunities11.html)

3. Justification and need for the program

Currently we have three students pursuing an Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major with areas of interest in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. To have the HIS major reflected on the students’ transcripts and for them to graduate under this option, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is requesting to have a major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies under the B.S.F.C.S. degree

4. Procedures used to develop the program

N.A.

5. Curriculum

See attached

6. Inventory of faculty directly involved

Current faculty in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences may be involved. No new faculty will be required.

7. Outstanding programs of this nature in other institutions

N/A

8. Inventory of pertinent library resource

The degree will use current UGA library holdings that are available for other programs.

9. Facilities

Required facilities currently in place

10. Administration

College of Family and Consumer Sciences will work with the University Honors Program.

11. Assessment

Exit interviews and record of student post-graduate placement

12. Accreditation

N/A

13. Affirmative Action impact

None

14. Degree inscription

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Special Academic Opportunities: Honors Interdisciplinary Study

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Requirements

1. The major consists of a total of ten courses.
2. Only courses not used to satisfy the core curriculum may be used toward the major.
3. Eight of the courses must be 3000 level or higher. Of these, the four primary courses must be in one department and in the college or school awarding the degree.

Administrative Regulations

1. The individual major program, listing a description and/or subjects along with specific courses, must be approved by the Honors Faculty Council after it is approved by the student's major professor.
2. All courses credited toward the major must be approved by the student's major professor.
3. The Dean's Office shall ascertain that all degree requirements not pre-empted by this major program are met for graduation.
4. Changes in the major courses must be reported on the revised HIS form, available in the Honors office.

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Major Information for Applicants

This major is designed to allow Honors students the opportunity to create a program of study with a defined interdisciplinary combination of courses under the guidance of the student's major professor. H.I.S. majors are available for the AB, BS, and BSA degrees. They may not be used to create a vocational program of study. For information about the BSA degree please contact the Dean's office in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. These regulations are effective as of Oct. 27, 2004.

For the AB and BS degrees:

1. Proposals for the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major must be submitted by the beginning of the Fall semester of the student's third year at UGA. You must have at least 45 hours (three semesters) left prior to the student's intended graduation date. Earlier application is recommended, since approval is not guaranteed, and you may need to pursue an existing major.
2. You should create a tentative list of major courses from three or more departments. These courses should have a central theme or focus, which reflects the purpose of the major. This course list can be used as a starting point for discussions with potential major professors. You will also work with the major professor to refine the Core Curriculum Area F class list, taken from 1000 and 2000 level Core courses, which will prepare you to take the majors courses.
3. You should designate a Primary Subject Area in the department from which at least four of your major courses will be selected. Choose a major professor in your Primary Subject area. This will be the faculty member who will have primary responsibility for supervising your course work, and will usually be your major professor for your Honors project or research and thesis. You will also need to choose a second faculty member from one of your Secondary Subject areas to act as an advisor or reader for your project or thesis. (Your professors must be either tenured, or on the tenure track for their department.)
4. Work with your major professor to refine your major course list, and to write your rationale for why this is a reasonable academic endeavor. Points to consider include: relation of the various topics to a specific area of geographic or temporal interest; preparation for a graduate program; the existence of similar programs at other universities, etc. This rationale must explain the intellectual cohesiveness of your proposed major. It should also address the institutional barriers that prevent you from using a combination of standard departmental majors and minors, or certificate programs, to accomplish the same goals. Your professor will also have to write a rationale for supervising your H.I.S. major.
5. A capstone thesis or project is required in order to integrate all of the course work taken for this major. Discuss potential research and thesis topics that combine major aspects of your project with your professor, although you do not need to detail thesis plans for approval of the H.I.S. major.
6. Return the completed form to the Honors Program by the end of the fourth full week of the semester in which the Honors Faculty Council will consider your application. It will be submitted for review at the Honors Program Faculty Council meeting. Applications received after the end of the fourth week of the semester will not be considered until the following semester. The Honors Faculty Council will not consider applications from students who have less than three full semesters left prior to graduation. The Honors Faculty Council does not meet during the summer term.
7. If the Honors Faculty Council approves the H.I.S. application, copies of the approved H.I.S. proposal will be sent to the student, major professors, and the dean. Your approved Plan of Study will be used by the Graduation Certification office in your school to verify your completion of the degree requirements. After graduation, the student's "Brief Title" will go on the transcript following the degree and major in "Honors Interdisciplinary Studies".



Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Major Requirements and Administrative Regulations

This major is designed to allow Honors students to create an integrated program of study out of a coherently defined interdisciplinary combination of courses. These courses must be selected in consultation with the student's major advisor. This is not intended to be a vocational preparation, but an academic area of study. The area of study may be chronological, geographical, substantive, or based on some other cohesive principle of organization. H.I.S. programs are available for AB, BS, and BSA degrees (for BSA application contact the Dean's Office in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences).

Course Requirements

- 1) The major consists of a total of ten courses. The student and the major professors should also select appropriate Area F courses (numbered 1000 to 2999) to prepare the student for the major courses, and to complete the core.
- 2) Only courses not used to satisfy the core curriculum may be used toward the major.
- 3) The major courses must be 3000 level or higher. Of these, the four primary courses must be in one department and in the college or school awarding the degree (Franklin College or C.A.E.S). The secondary area should contain courses from two or more additional departments.
- 4) A capstone thesis or project is required to integrate all of the course work, unless the major professor elects to use some other form of capstone. Exceptions to requiring the Honors thesis should be explained in the professor's rationale. Undergraduate Research and Thesis may be included in the proposed courses for the major, or may be additional courses beyond the required ten.
- 5) The student should attach a full description of the proposed Honors Interdisciplinary Study, including its rationale and purpose. The rationale must include an explanation of the intellectual cohesiveness of the proposed major. It should also explain why current departmental majors and/or minors cannot be used to accomplish the same goals.
- 6) The Regents' core and the specific college requirements should be fulfilled prior to the student scheduling a graduation check in their next-to-last semester before graduation.

Faculty Requirements

- 1) The student must select a major professor from among the tenured, or tenure track, faculty in the primary department. The student and the major professor should choose a second professor (tenured or tenure track) from one of the secondary subject areas.
- 2) The major professor must submit a supporting rationale explaining why this is a reasonable academic endeavor. The rationale should describe the intellectual coherence of the proposed major, and how the professor believes that it improves upon existing combinations of majors and minors.
- 3) The major professor will usually be the major professor for the student's research and thesis, and the second professor will usually be the reader for the thesis.

Administrative Regulations

- 1) The individual major program, including a listing of specific courses, as well as both rationales for the major, must be submitted to the Honors Program no later than the beginning of the Fall semester of the student's third year at UGA. The student must have at least 45 hours (three semesters) left prior to their intended graduation date. All courses credited toward the major must be approved by the student's major professor.
- 2) The Honors Faculty Council will review the proposed H.I.S. major after it is approved by the student's major professor. The Honors Faculty Council meets once per semester, generally in the middle of the term. The H.I.S. application should be turned in to the Honors Office by the end of the fourth full week of the semester in which the proposal is to be reviewed so that the committee has sufficient time to consider the proposal. Submitting an H.I.S. proposal does not guarantee approval of the proposed major.
- 3) The Dean's Office of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences shall ascertain that all degree requirements not pre-empted by this major program are met for graduation. This includes all of the general Franklin College requirements (for BA & BS degrees), in addition to the Regent's Core and other University requirements. Be sure to check your DARS sheet, the Online Bulletin (bulletin.uga.edu) and the Franklin College web site for specific requirements.
- 4) Changes in the major courses must be reported on the revised H.I.S. form, available in the Honors office. Extensive changes may require review by the Honors Faculty Council.

Honors Interdisciplinary Study Application

Application date _____ Expected Graduation Date _____ Degree _____

NAME _____ S.S. # _____

Local Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

of courses completed _____ Cum. Avg. _____ # Honors courses _____ Avg. _____

1. Primary Subject (minimum of 4 upper division courses in one subject) _____
2. Other subjects included in H.I.S. _____
3. Brief Title of H.I.S. (noted on transcript after graduation) _____
4. The student will satisfy the Capstone requirement by: _____

I have read the requirements for the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major, and this student's proposal. I hereby recommend approval of this Honors Interdisciplinary Study major, and agree to serve as Major Professor for this student. A copy of my rationale for why this is a reasonable academic endeavor is attached.

NAME _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Department _____

I hereby recommend approval of this Honors Interdisciplinary Study major, and agree to serve as the second professor for this student's H.I.S. major.

NAME _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Department _____

Honors Council Approval date _____

copies to : Student
 Major Professor
 Second Professor
 Dean
 Student's Honors File

Proposed Plan of Study for Honors Interdisciplinary Study

NAME _____ Date _____

I. Core Area F (eighteen hours at 1000-2000 level):

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. Primary Subject - four courses at 3000 level and above in one department.

Course	Title
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

III Secondary subjects - six courses of related subjects at the 3000 level and above. Courses from the primary department may be used, and may include research and thesis, but at least two other departments must be represented among your courses.

5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

Attach a complete description of your proposed Honors Interdisciplinary Study, including its rationale and purpose. The rationale must include an explanation of the intellectual cohesiveness of the proposed major. It should also explain why current departmental majors and/or minors cannot be used to accomplish the same goals. The major professor should also write, and attach, their rationale for the creation of this major.

Course changes to this application must be made on a Revised Program of Study form so that they can be communicated to your Dean's office. Extensive changes may require review by the Honors Faculty Council.

The Dean's Office of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences shall ascertain that all degree requirements not pre-empted by this major program are met for graduation with either a BA or a BS degree. This includes all of the general Franklin College requirements, in addition to the Regent's Core and other University requirements.