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The General Studies Major GUIDELINES and PROCEDURE

Students with a particular vocational interest that would best be served by a variety of disciplines may design a "General Studies" major consisting of courses selected from the various disciplines which apply to their special interest.

Guidelines:

- Admission to this Bachelor of Arts (BA) major requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all college coursework applicable to the degree.
- The General Studies major must consist of a minimum of seventy (70) quarter credits in three disciplines.
- Each discipline must contain at least twenty (20) but not more than thirty-five (35) quarter credits.
- At least thirty-five (35) quarter credits in the major must be upper-division.
- Twenty (20) quarter credits (including at least 15 upper-division) must be completed at Seattle Pacific University.
- Refer to the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for other requirements which apply to all Seattle Pacific University degrees. These additional degree requirements are those listed in the catalog for the year in which the student was admitted to SPU. *No General Studies major will be accepted unless it conforms to the standards specified in the Undergraduate Catalog, and contains all required signatures.*

Application Procedures:

The following documents (with required signatures) are to be submitted together to the Office of the Registrar, Demaray Hall, Room 151 or emailed to your Academic Counselor:

- The General Studies Major Application, which includes a statement of purpose for the General Studies major. This statement will describe how the major meets academic and/or career goals as well as how the proposed disciplines combine to form an integrated whole.
- The General Studies Major Plan of Study form.

As a student-designed major, the General Studies Major requires approval from the faculty Curriculum Committee or its designated sub-committee. A student is considered admitted to the major once approval is received from that group and updates are completed by Student Academic Services.

Important Note: Review by the faculty Curriculum Committee may take as long as 3-4 weeks (and longer over breaks) from when a completed application is received.

Advisor Responsibilities:

An advisor is required from each of the disciplines represented in the student's General Studies major.

The advisors' signatures on the General Studies Major Plan of Study form affirms that the specific configuration of courses submitted are academically defensible as a major and are on par with established majors at SPU.

Students are responsible for asking one of the three discipline faculty advisors to serve as their primary faculty advisor. That faculty member should indicate their availability and willingness to serve in this capacity by signing twice in the signature box that follows on the next page.

Further questions or concerns should be posed to the student's undergraduate academic counselor.

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- ☐ Forward to assigned UAC
- ☐ Review for catalog stated minimums
- ☐ Forward to CC Rep
- ☐ CC Approval: ☐ Y ☐ N
- ☐ Return to assigned UAC
- ☐ Email RnR for SGASTDN updates
- ☐ Notify Student once entered
- ☐ Forward to CA's for filing

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The General Studies Major APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

E-mail: _____ Anticipated Quarter of Graduation: _____

Major Requirements

Rationale: Write a short paragraph to address the question below. For additional room, continue on back or attach a statement.

Describe how the General Studies major meets your academic and/or career goals. How do the proposed disciplines combine to form an integrated whole? What will be gained through this proposal that would not be possible through existing majors?

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Faculty Discipline #1:

Signature	Printed Name	Date

Faculty Discipline #2:

Signature	Printed Name	Date

Faculty Discipline #3:

Signature	Printed Name	Date

Primary Faculty Advisor (Chosen from one of three faculty members above)

Signature	Printed Name	Date

Curriculum Committee Chair

Signature	Printed Name	Date



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The General Studies Major PLAN OF STUDY

List all coursework in proposed major (attach additional page, if necessary)

Discipline #1:					
Subject and Number	Course Title	Institution Granting Credits	# of Credits	Complete?	Grade
CREDIT TOTAL FOR DISCIPLINE #1					
Discipline #2:					
Subject and Number	Course Title	Institution Granting Credits	# of Credits	Complete?	Grade
CREDIT TOTAL FOR DISCIPLINE #2					
Discipline #3:					
Subject and Number	Course Title	Institution Granting Credits	# of Credits	Complete?	Grade
CREDIT TOTAL FOR DISCIPLINE #3					

Total credits in major: _____
NOTE: 70 minimum credits required

Total upper-division credits in major: _____
NOTE: 35 minimum upper-division credits required