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Independent Major Application

Student's Full Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Proposed Major: _____

Return this confidential evaluation to the student's Residential College Dean

The student named above is applying for a program of Independent Concentration and has indicated that you are willing to serve as a faculty adviser. In consultation with faculty advisers, an Independent Concentrator essentially defines his or her own major. If the proposal is approved, the faculty adviser:

- serves as the student's director of undergraduate studies;
- advises the student during the student's final two years; and
- supervises some portion of the student's independent work during the junior and/or senior year.

In the absence of a regular departmental structure, it is particularly important that this proposal be carefully screened to ensure:

- breadth and depth of coverage for the academic program;
- a clear and sufficient methodological core; and
- adequate advising resources for the student's final two years.

Given the flexibility of this program, intellectual and personal maturity are essential qualities for an Independent Concentrator. With these concerns in mind, please comment on the student and the proposed course of study.

1) Explain why you propose to pursue an independent major:



2) Describe your proposed course of study:

3) Explain why you cannot pursue this interest through an existing concentration or certificate program:

4) List the courses you have taken, or will take, in fulfillment of the proposed concentration. Please note that an independent concentration should include at least eight upper-level courses (300- or above, not including graduate courses).

Course Number	Name	Term/Year

*please feel free to add additional lines to the table.

5) List the courses that you have taken, or will take, in fulfillment of your general education requirements.

General Education Requirement	Course Name and Number	Term/Year

*please feel free to add additional lines to the table.



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- 6) List the names and departments of your two prospective faculty advisers. Please ensure that at least one of these faculty members is a member of the regular, permanent faculty – in other words, not a lecturer or a visiting instructor. Both should agree to be available to you during one or both of the next two years in order to advise and support your plan of study.

Prospective Adviser's Full Name: _____
Adviser's Department: _____

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- 7) Provide a brief explanation of your proposed junior and senior independent work. What methodology will form the core of your work, and how will you obtain the needed skills in that field?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

