

## **SPECIAL MAJOR FOR A BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

The Special Major Degree provides an opportunity for students to engage in an individualized course of study leading to a degree when one's academic and professional goals are not accommodated by standard degree majors. The Special Major consists of correlated studies in two or more fields and should provide integrated instruction comparable in quality and depth to regular major programs. It is not intended as a means of bypassing normal graduation requirements.

The candidate must have the special major program approved by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee prior to the semester of graduation. The minimum requirement for the Special Major is an approved program of 45 units at least 30 units of which must be upper division work. Units applied to satisfy General Education requirements may be included in the Special Major. Also, a maximum of six independent study units may be included in the Special Major Program. Any exception to the above criteria must be approved in writing by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee.

A student requesting a Special Major must obtain application forms from the University Advising Center. On these forms the student must: 1) Prepare a statement giving reasons for desiring a Special Major in terms of academic and professional goals and why these goals cannot be met through a standard major; 2) Develop a specific list of courses which would lead to the academic and professional goals stated above; 3) Secure the signed approval from the University Advising Center, as well as from the Special Major Advisor and department chair in the areas from which the Special Major courses are drawn. The student must submit the foregoing material to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee for final approval.

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Approved by the Academic Senate

March 1986

December 11, 2007

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Approved by the President

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January 8, 2008

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