Major Deferral Petition

According to the “Academic Review and Promotion” section in the Academic Regulations in the Academic Catalog, “To be promoted to junior standing, a student must have satisfactorily completed at least 14.00 credits and have been accepted into a department/program major.”

The deadline for major declaration is in mid-October for students who are second-semester sophomores in the fall semester and in early March for students who are second-semester sophomores in the spring semester. In compelling and exceptional situations, students may petition for an exception to this policy by using this Major Deferral Petition form.

For example, students can petition for a deferral because they are currently completing a major entry requirement. Students deferring major declaration will need to determine an advisor for the remainder of the semester and an alternate major in which there is progress and that can be completed by graduation.

This petition must be submitted to the class dean and approved by the Operational Committee.

This petition must be submitted each semester until acceptance into a major. Students will not be permitted to enroll for the following semester without a major or an approved petition.

Name & Class Year: __________________________________________  WesId: _______________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

Your Major (Please use the opposite side of form if more space is needed.)

1) My intended major is:

2) I will not declare my major by the deadline because:

3) In order to declare my major, I must successfully complete the following:

4) My plan and timeline for declaring a major is:

5) My alternate major is:
Your Advisor

1) My current advisor is:

2) a. My current advisor has agreed to advise me through the rest of the semester: ___Yes ___No

   b. If no, my advisor will be:

3) I have discussed my major plan with the department chair or advisor of my intended major:
   ___Yes ___No

_________________________________________________________________ Date: _______
Printed Name and Signature of Current Advisor Department/Program

_________________________________________________________________ Date: _______
Printed Name and Signature of Chair or Advisor of Intended Major Department/Program

_________________________________________________________________ Date: _______
Signature of Class Dean

I understand that I will not be permitted to enroll for the first semester of my junior year (and beyond) unless I declare a major or have an approved deferral petition.

_________________________________________________________________ Date: _______
Signature of Student