University Major Application

Name_____**Class**_____**WesID**_____

Phone_____**Email**_____

The University Major gives students the opportunity to design a program of study based on their unique interests and aptitudes. Students are expected to use the methodologies of two or more disciplines and work independently with the guidance of an advising team to develop an interdisciplinary curriculum to achieve their academic objectives.

University Major proposals must be submitted before the first semester junior year. Students are encouraged to discuss their intended program with members of the faculty in the student's fields of interest. The purpose of the discussions is to help the student clarify their plans and identify three faculty members who will serve as sponsors.

The proposal and supporting documents must be submitted to jpwood@wesleyan.edu by November 1 for fall admission to the University Major program and by April 1 for spring admission. The Committee on University Majors meets twice yearly, normally in November and April.

Title of Major	_____
Proposal	Include a 2-3 page (500-750 words) narrative proposing a University Major. The proposal must include intellectual objectives of the program of study; it must demonstrate that the program is of sufficient breadth and depth to constitute a major; explain why standing majors are not sufficient for the enterprise; indicate how the achievement of the objectives of the University Major will be evaluated. The proposal should be clear, specific, focused, and must define the subject matter of the program and illuminate its interdisciplinary character.
Courses	In chronological order, list the courses that will constitute the curriculum for the major. At least eight courses numbered 201 or higher are required. For each course, **indicate whether it is a core or an elective**. For non-Wesleyan courses, indicate the name and location of the school where the course will be taken. (Normally, no more than two credits are permitted. If more are required, written approval must be obtained from the committee.)
Letters of Support	The application must be accompanied by letters of support from 3 faculty sponsors, who must be from different departments. One of these faculty members must agree to serve as the primary sponsor. Each letter should point out the strengths and probable challenges of the proposal, indicate the role that the sponsor will play in guiding and evaluating progress on the major, and describe how the sponsor will determine whether and to what extent the intellectual objectives of the program of study have been achieved.
Transcript/ Unofficial Transcript	The application must include a copy of an official Wesleyan transcript or unofficial academic history that has the most current semester.

Sem/Yr.	Dept/No.	Title	Core/Elective	Transfer

Approval Student:_____date: _____

Faculty Sponsor (primary): (Print) _____

Signature:_____date:_____

Faculty 2nd Sponsor: (Print) _____

Signature:_____date:_____

Faculty 3rd Sponsor: (Print)_____

Signature:_____date: _____

University Major Coordinator:_____date: _____