

# University Major Application

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The University Major affords the opportunity to design a program of study that responds to individual interests and aptitudes, provides the excitement and challenge of using methodologies from two or more disciplines, and gives the chance to work independently at integrating the core skills and background knowledge necessary to realize a coherent intellectual objective.

Each University Major must be sponsored by at least three members of the faculty who agree to supervise the program, and must be approved by the Committee on University Majors, a subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee. University Major programs must include at least eight courses numbered 201 or higher. Further conditions, including a larger number of courses, may be imposed by the Committee or by the faculty sponsors. Normally, no more than three transfer credits are permitted for the University Major. If more are required, written approval from the student's committee is necessary. Completion of a senior honors thesis (two semesters), a senior essay (one semester), or a major performance or exhibit is a requirement of the University Major.

University Majors completing an additional major may not submit a single thesis for honors in both majors. The Major Acceptance card must be signed by the primary faculty sponsor and by the University Major Coordinator for the University Major to be officially recorded. The Senior Concentration form must be signed by the primary faculty sponsor and by the University Major Coordinator.

The University Major application and supporting documents must be submitted to the University Major Coordinator at [academicadvancement@wesleyan.edu](mailto:academicadvancement@wesleyan.edu) by **November 1** or by **April 1** for review by the Committee on University Majors.

## Title of Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Essay** A 2-3 page (500-750 words) proposal must be submitted with the University Major application. The proposal should discuss the intellectual objectives of the program of study; it should demonstrate that the program is of sufficient breadth and depth to constitute a major; it should demonstrate why standing majors are not sufficient for the enterprise; and it should indicate how the achievement of the objectives of the University Major will be evaluated. The proposal should be clear, specific and focused. It should define the subject matter of the program and should illuminate its interdisciplinary character.

**Letters of Support** The application must be accompanied by letters of support from two 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.

**Thesis/ Essay** A senior honors thesis or senior essay is required for the University Major. Please indicate which type of culminating project will be undertaken:

\_\_\_\_ senior honors thesis  
or  
\_\_\_\_ senior essay

**Transcript/ Unofficial Transcript** The application must include a copy of an official Wesleyan transcript or unofficial academic history that has the most current semester.

