

# MILLSAPS COLLEGE

## APPLICATION FOR SELF-DESIGNED MAJOR

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Title of proposed major:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Anticipated date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **SDM Petition:** Include in the space below a petition describing the proposed major. Your petition should explain a) why you want to pursue this proposed major; b) what your goals are beyond Millsaps (education, professional, etc.) c) how your intended major will help you to achieve these goals and d) a clear indication that you will in fact be able to complete the proposed major as described. The petition should not exceed 1000 words.

4. **Course Requirements (complete tables below):**

- a. List the courses that you plan to take in each department that will count toward the proposed major, as well as alternate courses that you may substitute in the event that your planned courses are not available and you are able to obtain the consent of the SDM chair. (12 courses distributed across two or three departments are normally required, including Senior Seminar). Sometimes, when needs justify, students include courses from more than two or three departments, so space is provided below for students who choose that option. Should a course become available that you would like to include in your SDM after the application is submitted and/or approved, you will need to secure the approval of the SDM chair to include it in your major. Should you wish to change the departmental distribution of courses, your application will need to be reconsidered by the Curriculum Committee.

Department #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses to be taken in Dept. #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Hours	Title

Alternate courses in Department #1, to be taken in the event that the above courses are not available, pending consent of the SDM chair.

Course Number	Hours	Title

Department #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses to be taken in Dept. #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Hours	Title

Alternate courses in Department #2, to be taken in the event that the above courses are not available, pending consent of the SDM chair.

Course Number	Hours	Title

Department #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses to be taken in Dept. #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Hours	Title

Alternate courses in Department #3, to be taken in the event that the above courses are not available, pending consent of the SDM chair.

Course Number	Hours	Title

Department #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses to be taken in Dept. #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Hours	Title

Alternate courses in Department #4, to be taken in the event that the above courses are not available, pending consent of the SDM chair.

Course Number	Hours	Title

Department #5: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of courses to be taken in Dept. #5 \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Hours	Title

Alternate courses in Department #5, to be taken in the event that the above courses are not available, pending consent of the SDM chair.

Course Number	Hours	Title

b. List courses that satisfy the requirement that the proposed SDM must include at least 5 courses in one department, including at least one class at the 3000 level or above.

Dept/Course Number	Hours	Title

c. List courses already completed that support the proposed major:

Dept/Course Number	Hours	Title

## 5. Proposed Schedule

**Please note:** It is the student's responsibility to discuss the schedule with all relevant faculty members and ensure that the courses they need will in fact be taught at the time they need them. Some courses are only taught occasionally and some courses will need to be directed studies. The fact that a course is listed in the College Catalog is not sufficient information to justify including that course on your schedule. Be certain to discuss scheduling issues with relevant faculty and adjust your schedule as needed. List courses below in the order they will be taken. Have the relevant faculty member or departmental chair sign the form below to indicate they have agreed to offer the course you request.

6. **Senior Requirement:** SDM applicants must satisfy the requirement that all majors take a Senior Seminar in their field. This requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways (see Guidelines). In the second column of the table below, check one.

Departmental Senior Seminar Option	
SDMA 4900: Senior Seminar: Comprehensive Exam Option	
SDMA 4900: Senior Seminar: Thesis Option	

7. **Major Committee:** We, the undersigned faculty members, have worked with this student in preparing this application. We believe that this program is academically sound, and that it constitutes a coherent whole with its own integrity. By signing this application, we agree to serve as the committee for this student's major program, including managing the Senior Comprehensive Exams or Senior Thesis as specified (print name, sign, and date):

Committee Member	Name (print)	Signature	Date
SDM Advisor			
Member #2			
Member #3			

8. **Authorized Signatures (print name, sign, and date):**

College Official	Name (print)	Signature	Date
Office of Records Signature (verifying 3.00 GPA)			
Curriculum Committee Chair			
Dean of the College			