

## Guidance for Completing the Multidisciplinary Major/Minor Curriculum Planning Form

(March 2003)

### IDENTIFYING COURSES FOR THE MAJOR/MINOR:

The attached forms are part of your application for a multidisciplinary major/minor and must accompany the written "Proposal for the Major/Minor." On the "Complete Curriculum Form," list **all 32** of the courses which you have already taken, are taking, or propose to take. Indicate each course's department, its number, and its title. **Distinguish the courses for your proposed multidisciplinary major/minor from the rest of your curriculum by placing an asterisk (\*) in front of each.** For example,

\*BIOL 114-08 ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

On the "Major/Minor Curriculum Form," indicate **only** those courses which you are proposing for your major or minor.

### CAPSTONE PROJECT:

Students proposing a **multidisciplinary major** will be required to submit a proposal for a **capstone project** the semester before doing it. The project should be designed to synthesize the student's knowledge from the various disciplines comprising the major. The project should be developed with the guidance of the student's advisors and count for at least one graded tutorial in the senior year. **CISS 496 – "Special Project" or CISS 497 – "Interdisciplinary Research"** can be used as course numbers for the capstone tutorial. The Director of CISS must sign course approval forms for CISS 496/497 because they are by-permission courses.

The student will have the opportunity to present the substance of his or her project during the College's Academic Conference, which is held in April each year.

Students proposing a multidisciplinary minor may also propose a capstone project, but are not required to do so unless the CISS Committee on Majors and Minors believes it to be essential.

### FUTURE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED CURRICULUM:

If the multidisciplinary major/minor is approved, it will be the student's responsibility to complete the courses which constitute the major/minor. If specific courses are not offered during a particular semester, or if a particular course in the future seems more appropriate than one originally proposed, the advisors and the Director of CISS should be consulted about the substitution **before** the course is taken.

### NUMBERS OF COURSES AND DEPARTMENTS REQUIRED:

**A multidisciplinary major requires fourteen courses**, unless it is part of a double-major program, in which case it can be no more than ten. **A multidisciplinary minor requires six courses.** Courses for the major/minor must be taken from at least **three departments.**

### PROPOSAL DEADLINES:

The Director of CISS will announce on email the semester deadlines for proposals. Generally, there are two submission deadlines per semester.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS:

The CISS Appointed Committee on Majors and Minors is the approving authority for student proposals. It is a committee of 10 members, the Chair of which changes yearly.