**Oberlin College Individual Major Proposal**

**NOTE**: All forms should be submitted to the Chair of the Individual Major Committee, Michael Parkin (mparkin@oberlin.edu), as email attachments from your Oberlin email account. If your proposal is approved, the forms you have submitted will be considered an official contract between you and Oberlin College. You will be expected to abide by this contract in completing your Individual Major (IM); any changes you may want to make to your IM will have to be approved in advance by the Individual Major Committee. The Registrar will use the same contract to certify the successful completion of the IM before you can graduate. In addition, if approved, your IM will be available for other students to read upon request.

**Specific Requirements for the Individual Major**

* Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application
* At least 10 full courses or the equivalent in the major, and no more than 15 full courses or the equivalent (two half courses count as one full course)
* At least eight full courses or the equivalent at or above the 200-level
* One full course serving as the Capstone Course, taken in the senior year, focusing on the specific theme of the major
* In addition to the Capstone Course, at least one course at the advanced level involving in-depth research, culminating in written work and presentation, creative work, or performance
* At least four full courses or the equivalent of work in the major not begun at the time of submission, including the Capstone Course
* No more than 2/3 of course work may be taken in any one department or program, as determined by the course prefix
* No more than five full courses or the equivalent of work in the major may count towards any other declared major, minor, or concentration
* No more than 1/3 of course work for the major may be taken off campus
* Courses in which a student has earned a letter grade lower than a C-/P cannot be counted towards the major

**SECTION 1: Applicant Information and Individual Major Title**

**Name**:

**T#**:

**Phone**:

**Oberlin Email**:

**Current Class** (first years and seniors are not expected to propose individual majors):

First Semester Sophomore

Second Semester Sophomore

First Semester Junior

Other (please describe):

**Expected Graduation Date** (month/year):

**Please list any majors, minors, or concentrations you have declared**:

**If your IM is approved, which majors, minors, or concentrations will you continue?**

**Title of Your Proposed Individual Major**:

**SECTION 2: Primary Rationale**

* Please write an essay of no more than 750 words in which you expand on and explain the IM title, define the academic field of the proposed IM, provide links to similar majors at other schools, and indicate the focus, direction, and the purpose of the IM. (See the IM Handbook for further instructions.)

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**SECTION 3: Course Spreadsheet**

* Please complete the Course Spreadsheet using the Excel template found on the Individual Majors website. Be sure that your course list meets all the specific requirements for the Individual Major noted above. (See the IM Handbook for further instructions.)

**SECTION 4: Course Rationale**

* Please provide a rationale for the courses you have listed on the Course Spreadsheet. You may want to group them by topic or department, and list them from introductory through advanced. (See the IM Handbook for further instructions.)

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**SECTION 5: Capstone Course Description**

* Please identify and describe the Capstone Course for your Individual Major. This one course will serve as the capstone of the IM in your senior year. The specific theme of the IM should be the focus on the capstone course. The course should provide an integrated overview of the different components of the IM and the interdisciplinary field defined by the IM. (See the IM Handbook for further instructions.)

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**Signatures**

Please list the two faculty advisors with whom you have discussed your Individual Major. Their electronic signatures on this page indicate that they have discussed your proposal with you and have read the version presented to the Individual Major Committee. Each advisor must also submit a separate recommendation form directly to the Chair of the Individual Major Committee. (The form is available on the IM website.)

**Advisor’s Name**:

**Advisor’s Department**:

**Advisor’s Electronic Signature**:

**Date**:

**Advisor’s Name**:

**Advisor’s Department**:

**Advisor’s Electronic Signature**:

**Date**:

**Applicant’s Electronic Signature**:

**Date**: