CUSTOM INTERDISCIPLINARY CLUSTER PETITION

What is this Petition about? If you do not want to use one of the Department’s pre-approved Interdisciplinary Clusters, you can select your own set of three courses. However, before you can use your own unique set of courses to fulfill this requirement, you must complete this petition and then submit it to the undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the Psychology Department for approval. The committee looks for a clear academic focus that ties the three courses together and explains how they relate to psychology. For this petition, you will be asked to write a brief essay about that academic focus. Of less importance to the committee's decision is the practical significance of these three courses to your career plans. We also assume that you have a strong interest in these courses, otherwise you would not have picked them. Please do a good job with this essay, or your petition will be delayed for a rewrite. Consult with an Advisor if you need help with your essay or a rewrite.

Limitations: Any course listed in this petition cannot also be used as a substitution for a psychology elective or to fulfill a College Core Requirement.

Getting your petition approved. To begin the petition process, fill out this two-page form. Space is provided on the next page for your rationale, but it’s recommended that you type your essay on a separate sheet. Deposit the completed form in the mailbox of the Head Advisor in Psychology Department main office (125 Nightingale). You will be informed of the Committees' decision. Print or type all information provided below.

Name: __________________________ I.D.# __________________________ Grad Year: ______

Local Address: ________________________________

Phone# __________________________ Email: __________________________

List all three of the courses below that you wish to use for the Interdisciplinary Cluster requirement. Give the full name and course number.

1. __________________________

2. __________________________

3. __________________________

You must sign the petition below. Your signature means that if the petition is approved, you will take the three courses as listed. If you want to change your Custom Cluster you must submit another petition.

__________________________________________
Student Signature

__________________________________________
Date

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In the space provided below, or better on a separate sheet, write a short essay on the academic focus of the three courses and how this focus relates to the study of psychology.

_____ Approved

_____ Not approved

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Undergraduate Director/ Head Advisor

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Date

Comments:

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