

Major Declaration Guidelines

Forms will not be accepted unless all sections are complete and accompanied by the appropriate attachments. (Please press firmly, using blue or black ink, or type.)

- ◇ To declare your major, you must complete and submit the Major Declaration Form to the Registrar's Office.
- ◇ This form will serve as your plan for completion of your graduation and major requirements. If you wish to change your major, consult with your advisor(s) and resubmit another form.
- ◇ Please complete this form in consultation with your major advisor(s).
- ◇ For further assistance in completing this form you may consult your Pitzer College Course Catalogue under "Guidelines for Graduation" located near the front of the catalogue.
- ◇ A copy of your unofficial transcript will also be helpful in completing this form.
- ◇ It is important that you and your advisor(s) check to make sure the courses you choose are approved to meet the educational objectives. Please refer to the Pitzer Catalogue for a list of approved courses and guidelines for each educational objective.
- ◇ Courses that meet your major and graduation requirements must be full-credit courses, unless otherwise specified.

Section A: INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTERCULTURAL EXPLORATION

Select a set of three full-credit courses that address a topic of special interest to you. These three courses will represent at least two disciplines and more than one cultural perspective. **If you wish to meet this requirement through Study Abroad, please consult the Pitzer Catalogue for more information, or contact the Study Abroad Office. This requirement is not fulfilled simply by studying abroad.** A rationale statement briefly explaining how your selection of courses meets this requirement must be attached with your Major Declaration Form. The form will not be accepted in the Registrar's Office without the Rationale Statement attached.

Section B: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

You have the option of completing this requirement for credit or non-credit.

Options with Academic Credit:

- (1) An existing, approved, full-credit course that involves either community service, community-based fieldwork or a community-based internship.
- (2) A directed independent study with an experiential component; see the Guidelines for Internship and Community Service Independent Study (available in the Registrar's Office or in Career Services).
- (3) Participation in apposite Study Abroad programs (those involving a community-based internship or community service). **Consult the Study Abroad Office prior to participation to determine whether any courses taken abroad will meet this requirement.**

Non-Credit Options: For this option, you must fill out a Social Responsibility (Non-Credit Option) Verification Form, available in the Registrar's Office.

- (1) Involvement in a single semester (or equivalent) of 45 hours of volunteer or community service. **Students fulfilling this on Study Abroad must have a supervisor abroad confirm the hours of service.**
- (2) One semester (or equivalent) of service to the Pitzer community (Examples: participation in College governance, or the Ecology Center, or as a Resident Assistant).

Section C: BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE

A course which meets both the humanities/fine arts objective and the social/behavioral science objective can be counted toward meeting only one of these objectives.

Two full-credit Humanities/Fine Arts courses. Fields that normally meet this objective: performing arts, fine arts, foreign language, literature, history and philosophy.

Two full credit Social/Behavioral Science courses. Fields that normally meet this objective: anthropology, economics, linguistics, political studies, psychology and sociology.

Students cannot count the same course toward meeting both the mathematics/Quantitative reasoning objective and the natural science objective.

One full-credit Natural Science course. Course options available to students include all courses offered through the Joint Science program as well as most other courses in chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy and geology taught at the other Claremont Colleges. In addition, Psychology 101 (Brain and Behavior), as currently taught with a significant emphasis in biology, is considered appropriate to this objective. Consult the Registrar's Office before considering any course not named above.

One full-credit Quantitative Reasoning course. Students will satisfy this objective by taking any mathematics, statistics, quantitative/survey research methods, or formal logic course offered at The Claremont Colleges or accepted for transfer credit, with the exception of mathematics courses whose sole purpose is to prepare students to take calculus.

Section D: WRITTEN EXPRESSION

It is assumed that students meet this writing objective by successfully completing a full-credit First-Year Seminar course. These seminars have been designed as writing intensive courses and are required of all First-Year students. If students do not meet the writing objective through a First-Year Seminar course, they will be required to complete successfully an appropriate writing intensive course before they graduate. Transfer students who have not already taken a writing course will meet the writing objective by completing a full-credit writing intensive course.

Section E: MAJOR COURSES

These courses will be selected in consultation with your major adviser(s). You may also refer to the Pitzer Catalogue for the requirements of each major.

SIGNATURES

It is very important that you remember to sign your Major Declaration Form and obtain the signature(s) of your major advisor(s). Please keep in mind, advisers may only sign for their own field (i.e. a psychology faculty must sign for a psychology major). Combined and double majors must have a signature from a faculty in each discipline of their major. This form will not be accepted by the Registrar's Office without all the appropriate signatures.

DEADLINE

The Major Declaration Form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar's Office by mid-term of the first semester of your junior year. **Students going abroad must complete the Major Declaration Form before participation (see Study Abroad Office for deadlines).** First semester juniors will not be allowed to register for the following semester until this form is submitted to the Registrar's Office.

SPECIAL MAJORS

If you are proposing a special major, you must attach a proposal for your special major along with your Major Declaration Form. Both documents will be forwarded to the Curriculum Committee for their review, comment and approval. You will be notified of the Curriculum Committee decision via Pitzer e-mail. The Pitzer College Catalogue contains more detailed Guidelines for Special Majors in the Academic Opportunities section.

MAJOR DECLARATION FORM

Name _____ ID# _____ Expected Grad Date _____

Contact Phone Number _____ Contact E-mail _____

Field of Major(s), list track if applicable _____

Single Combined (2 advisors needed) Double

PLEASE LIST COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE. CHECK COURSES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN.

A) Interdisciplinary & Intercultural Exploration**

4) Quantitative Reasoning

Course #	Course Title
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____

a) _____

D) WRITTEN EXPRESSION- PLEASE CHECK ONE

_____ First-Year Seminar – Course Number and Title:

_____ Writing Intensive Course - Course Number and Title:

****Statement of Rationale must be attached to this form.**

B) SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY-PLEASE CHECK ONE

E) MAJOR COURSES – List Course Number & Title

_____ Credit – List Course Number and Title

Course #	Course Title
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____
6) _____	_____
7) _____	_____
8) _____	_____
9) _____	_____
10) _____	_____
11) _____	_____
12) _____	_____
13) _____	_____

_____ Non-Credit : Verification form required
Description:

C) BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE

(A course can be counted toward meeting only one of the objectives in section C.)

1) Humanities/Fine Arts

a) _____
b) _____

2) Social/Behavioral Science

a) _____
b) _____

3) Natural Science

a) _____

***ADVISORS:** By signing this form you are confirming that you are a part of the appropriate field group and that you will act as the student's major advisor.

***STUDENTS:** If you are declaring a double or Claremont College major, you must have at least one Pitzer Advisor. Other advisors not within your field of major will be removed from your academic record.

Major Advisor 1 _____
Signature Print Name College Date

Major Advisor 2 _____
Signature Print Name College Date

Student's Signature _____ Date _____