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General Instructions for Interdisciplinary Master's Degrees

To be considered for admission, any applicant seeking to pursue an interdisciplinary MA or MS degree must submit this form along with a graduate admission application form (please contact the Graduate Programs Office for more information on the application process). An interdisciplinary degree program must total at least 50 credits drawn from at least two departments or programs: a major discipline of at least 20 credits and one or two minor disciplines of at least 15 credits each. All interdisciplinary degrees must include a project, which is usually either a research report (601) or thesis (600) taken in the major discipline.

Applicants for an interdisciplinary degree construct a unique program of study. This is a challenging enterprise that requires careful planning. Therefore, applicants must work closely with a graduate faculty member from each department or program included in the proposal who has agreed to serve as an advisor and to help identify appropriate courses for the proposal. The courses listed must form an integrated degree program. A complete proposal requires the following:

- A brief, well-written explanation of the program
- Student Learning Outcomes (see attached Program Proposal form)
- A full listing of courses, with titles and credit values
 - No more than 12 credits may be at the 400 level
 - No more than 12 credits may be independent study (499 or 599)
- The signatures of all advisors who have agreed to serve on the applicant's committee
- The signatures of the appropriate department chairs and/or program directors
- A completed Graduate Admission Application form

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for admission. After submission of a complete application, the director for Graduate Programs or designee will arrange a meeting with the advisors listed on the proposal to discuss the program. For admission, the applicant must meet the general graduate admission standards, and the director or designee must approve the interdisciplinary program proposal.

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Program Proposal
Interdisciplinary Master's Degree

Name: _____ Date: _____

EWU ID: _____

Master of Arts Master of Science Field of Study: _____

Program Title: _____

Program Explanation (attach extra sheets if needed): _____

Student Learning Outcomes (measureable student achievement expectations of interdisciplinary coursework):

1. Synthesize academic literature in major field with the literature in one or more minor fields
2. Design an interdisciplinary research project in the major field and one or more minor fields
3. Execute an interdisciplinary research project in the major field and one or more minor fields
4. Conduct meaningful analysis using the methods of the major discipline
5. Present research competently in written form
6. Present research competently in oral form
7. [Student and advisor are to create a unique program learning outcome relevant to the student demonstrating mastery of the major and minor fields]

Program Approved:

(sign) (print last name)
Major Discipline Graduate Program Director, if required by department

(sign) (print last name)
Major Discipline Department Chair

(sign) (print last name)
Minor Discipline (1) Department Chair or Graduate Program Director*

(sign) (print last name)
Minor Discipline (2), if any, Department Chair or Graduate Program Director*

Director for Graduate Programs

(sign) (print last name)
Major Discipline Advisor

(sign) (print last name)
Minor Discipline (1) Advisor

(sign) (print last name)
Minor Discipline (2), if any, Advisor

Date

All advisors and department chairs or graduate program directors must sign the proposal before it is submitted to the Graduate Studies Office, Showalter 206.

* Minor discipline graduate program directors may sign only for fields not located within a single department.

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Program Course Requirements

	Course Prefix, Number and Title	Credit Amount
Major Discipline	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Subtotal	
	20 Credits Minimum	
Minor Discipline (1)	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Subtotal	
	15 Credits Minimum	
Minor Discipline (2) (optional)	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Subtotal	
	15 Credits Minimum	
Project (Required)	Thesis (600) or Research Report (601), to be listed among courses in one of the disciplines above	_____
Electives	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Subtotal	
	PROGRAM TOTAL	
	50 Credits Minimum	