

Student Faculty Designed Major Instructions and Criteria

Any student who has been admitted to Huxley College as an Environmental Studies or Environmental Science student may design their own major. This involves selecting a major title different from those already offered through Huxley College. The major title must be approved by Huxley College's Curriculum Committee, which then forwards the recommendation to the University's Academic Coordinating Commission.

To obtain approval for a Student Faculty Designed Major from Huxley College's Curriculum Committee, a student must

1. Submit a proposal for the Student Faculty Designed major to the secretary of Huxley College's Curriculum Committee **four quarters** prior to graduation. The secretary for Huxley's Curriculum Committee is located in the Dean's Office, ES 539
2. Include the following in the proposal:
 - a. **Major Title.** The major title should not be obtainable through an existing major at Huxley College or Western Washington University.
 - b. **Statement of objectives of the program.** This statement must include a description of the major and how the courses listed meet the objectives. You should also include a statement of why other majors offered do not provide the same area of knowledge.
 - c. **Course work.** The student must list all course work, including department, course number, title, number of credits and planned quarter of completion. An electronic Plan of Study form will be provided on request by Huxley's Undergraduate Adviser. At least 30 credits must be in the area of Environmental Studies (for B.A. students) or Environmental Science (for B.S. students.) Courses taken as preparatory courses for admission to Huxley College cannot be used in the major.
3. **Signature of Faculty advisers.** The major must be designed in consultation with at least two Faculty members, one of which must be a permanent tenured faculty member at Huxley College (Environmental Studies for B.A. and Environmental Science for B.S.). The additional faculty member may be Huxley faculty, an adjunct Huxley faculty member, or another WWU faculty from outside Huxley College.
4. **Curricular Requirements*:** A Student Faculty Designed major will be either a B.A. or a B.S. degree depending on preparatory coursework and courses in proposed major. Student Faculty Designed majors must have a minimum total of 85 credits in the major and coursework must include:
 - a. The Huxley College preparatory requirements for the B.S. or the B.A. degree as appropriate
 - b. Two courses from a Huxley College Department outside the student's degree area. Thus, B.A. students take two courses from a list offered by Huxley's Env. Sciences Dept and B.S. students take two courses from a list offered by Huxley's Env. Studies Dept.
 - c. Capstone course (from a list of approved courses, the most commonly taken capstone course is Environmental Impact Assessment)
 - d. Ten credits minimum (15 credits max) of Environmental Applications/Experience in the area of Senior Thesis, Internship, Senior Project, or Foreign Study

*The Huxley College Advising Staff can provide more details on the curricular requirements described in Point 4 above.