

## INDIVIDUALLY PLANNED MAJORS

### UW-Stevens Point

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The individually planned major is intended to respond to the limited number of students whose educational objectives cannot be adequately realized through an existing academic program but which may be achieved through unique combinations of existing offerings. It is intended to provide an opportunity for a student-designed program that is coherent and challenging.

The individually planned major, thus, requires early planning to ensure the availability and integration of the courses that will constitute the major. It is not intended to be a program for students to try to package courses already completed. The major must be approved before the end of the sophomore year.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

The decision to enter upon the individually planned major must be made no later than the second semester of the sophomore year or upon the completion of no more than 75 credits, excluding physical education. The major shall consist of a minimum of 36 approved credits taken from no fewer than two curricular areas, with a minimum of nine credits in each. At least 20 credits in the major must be in courses numbered 300 or above.

After consulting the appropriate departments the student submits a tentative proposal including objectives, title, and course. **If** the IPM Committee grants its approval, it will then designate departments from which the advisers shall be selected.

The student, in consultation with the advisers, will prepare the final proposal, including objectives, title, and list of specific courses to be submitted to the IPM Committee.

The IPM Committee will review the proposal with regard to the integrity of the objectives, legitimacy of the title, and suitability of the courses to meet the objectives. The Committee will forward a copy of the approved proposal to the IPM Coordinator and to the concerned departments.

Any exceptions to the degree requirements or major requirements, any change in topic, objectives, or courses following formal acceptance must have the consent of the advisers and the IPM Committee.

#### **GPA**

A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for entrance into the IPM. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required in the major to graduate with the designed IPM.

#### **GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The student meets the general degree requirements of the college in which the greatest number of credits within the IPM is offered.

40-Credit Rule At least 40 credits within the degree must be in courses at the 300 level or above.

#### **SUMMARY OF STEPS REQUIRED**

- Obtain IPM materials online and contact the coordinator.
- Discuss career objectives and name of major with departmental advisers.
- Prepare tentative proposal in consultations with advisers.
- Submit five copies to the IPM Committee by the first Friday in November for approval during the fall semester or by the first Friday in April for approval during the spring semester.
- IPM Committee approves your proposal and names departments for advising.
- Prepare, with the help of your advisers, the final proposal.
- When it is approved, begin your course work.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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