

COMMITTEE ON HONORS AND ACADEMIC STANDING
APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL DIVISIONAL MAJOR

(Please type or print legibly in ink)

To the Yale College Committee on Honors and Academic Standing:

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(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name) (Class) (College) (Soc. Sec. No.)

Mailing Address _____ Telephone _____

1. Please consult the Yale College Programs of Study for a full description of the requirements for a Special Divisional Major. A student contemplating a Special Divisional Major should also consult with the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major before proceeding to complete this application.
2. **Course Requirements.** A Special Divisional Major must comprise at least twelve advanced-level courses selected from those listed in Chapter IV of the Yale College Programs of Study. When appropriate, approval is given for graduate courses, tutorial, Residential College seminars, or courses from other institutions. Advanced-level courses are those beyond departmental prerequisites, basic languages, entry-level science courses, etc. Please note that a student may not offer for credit towards the bachelor's degree more than four term courses in professional schools of the University.
3. **Senior Project Requirement.** In addition to the twelve term courses indicated above, a student in a Special Divisional Major must meet the Yale College requirement of an examination or a substitution for an examination in the major field of study. This requirement may be fulfilled by a written or oral examination, by a senior essay or project, or, in some circumstances, by a graduate course or a special tutorial course. The preparation of a senior essay usually offers the most effective means of integrating materials from more than one discipline, and students in a Special Divisional Major typically request one term course credit in each semester of senior year in order to prepare such an essay.
4. **Faculty Advisers.** Before submitting this application, the student must arrange for two faculty advisers who will direct the work in the major. The Committee on Honors and Academic Standing expects the student to obtain a primary adviser from the department that forms the principal component of the major, as well as one or more adjunct advisers from other relevant fields. The primary adviser must be a regular member of the Yale College faculty. Members of the teaching faculties of other schools of the University and visiting faculty members may serve as adjunct advisers.
5. **Letters from Faculty Advisers.** The Committee requires letters from the student's advisers, supporting the proposal, agreeing to direct the work, and to supervise the senior project. It is specifically the primary adviser's responsibility to submit the final grade for the student's senior essay or project. Forms for these letters are available in the offices of the residential college deans or at the Yale College Dean's Office, 110 SSS. Faculty members should send them directly to the Committee, c/o the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major.
6. **Applications.** Applications and any supplementary information the student believes the Committee should have in evaluating the proposal should be submitted to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing, c/o the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major. **Please type or print legibly in ink.** Questions may be directed to the Chairman of the Committee, who is the Dean of Academic Affairs, or to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major.

I. TITLE OF MAJOR: _____

II. COURSES FOR THE MAJOR. With the understanding that your plans may change as you progress, please outline your program of study, listing all courses bearing on your major, including prerequisites. Give the course number and title (e.g. History 116b, The American Revolution). If possible, keep fall-term courses in the left column, spring term courses in the right. Put prerequisites and courses tangentially relating to the major in parenthesis, thereby isolating the twelve or more major courses. Include future courses.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS

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JUNIOR YEAR

_____	_____
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SENIOR YEAR

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Senior Project: Special Divisional Major 491a ____; 492 ____; other ____ (please explain under Section V)

III. PROPOSED ADVISERS

a. Full name of Primary Adviser _____

Position and Department _____

Campus Address _____

b. Full name of Adjunct Adviser _____

Position and Department _____

Campus Address _____

- IV. DESCRIPTION. Please give here an explanation of the objectives and organizing principles of your major. If it is similar to an existing major, please explain the necessity for a Special Divisional Major. Use additional sheets if necessary. If you believe they will be relevant to the Committee, you may briefly describe your academic background and reasons for designing this major, but be certain to begin the description with a clear, succinct description of what the major is.

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- V. PROPOSED SENIOR PROJECT. The plans of sophomores and juniors may be somewhat tentative, but be as specific as possible. Clear descriptions of alternative senior projects are more helpful to the Committee than a discussion of the general area from which a project will be drawn. Be sure to indicate whether it is to be a one-term or a two-term project and when it will occur.

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- VI. SIGNATURES OF THE FACULTY ADVISERS. The student's advisers should sign below, indicating their approval of the student's program as described in this application. The Committee also requires a separate statement from each adviser, written on a form which the student will supply.

Date: _____ Primary Adviser: _____

Date: _____ Adjunct Adviser: _____

A signature implies approval of the major as it appears on this proposal. Advice to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing or reasons why the major is not satisfactory should be submitted in a separate letter.