



Student ID	Student Last Name, First Name		
Department		Degree Program	
Specialization (if any)		Proposed Start Term/Year	
Proposed Home Department		Proposed Conjoint Department	

Purposes and Objectives

Although many graduate programs are already interdisciplinary to some extent and include the flexibility for students to meet their objectives within the existing program, it may be that a proposed area of study for an individual student cannot be effectively accommodated within a single department. When a student's knowledge base is at the interstices of two or more disciplines an individual interdisciplinary graduate program may be an appropriate response.

Notes:

- Students and supervisors are encouraged to consider interdisciplinary graduate program proposals for individuals as early in their program as possible. Any transfer normally should be made at least six months prior to candidacy for doctoral students and within the first six months of the program for a master's candidate
- Applicants to an Individualized Interdisciplinary Graduate Program for individuals should have a superior academic record with substantial background in at least one of the proposed disciplines
- Individualized Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs are restricted to thesis degree programs, master's and doctoral, and are not applicable to qualifying students
- To access the Graduate Program Manual on the web go to www.ualberta.ca/gradstudies
- The term "department" applies to both a department and to a non-departmentalized Faculty or to an extra-departmental graduate program

How to Proceed

1. The Individualized Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Proposal application has two parts.
 - Part I should be completed and signed by the student and delivered to the Supervisor. It is the responsibility of the applicant to develop a preliminary research proposal that both defines the focus of the research and interdisciplinary approach. Application is made through the home department/faculty.
 - Part II should be completed and signed by the supervisor in the home department and the joint-supervisor in the conjoint department. (Determination of the home & conjoint department is a decision made by the chairs and/or graduate coordinators of the departments/faculties in consultation with the student & supervisor. The department of the joint-supervisor will be designated as the conjoint department.
2. The department chairs/graduate coordinators from both departments should also review and sign the application.
3. The home department forwards the Individualized Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Proposal along with appropriate documentation (Graduate Application for Admission to the Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies).
4. GPS reviews the proposal and informs the departments and the student of the outcome.



PART I

Student's Proposed Research Statement (To be completed by the student)

It is the responsibility of the applicant to develop a preliminary research proposal that both defines the focus of the research and the interdisciplinary approach. Apply through the home department.

Academic area in which you have substantial background

Secondary academic area

Guidelines for completing the Applicant's Proposed Research Statement

Each research project and its related definition require different framing. Addressing the following questions should prove advantageous:

- Define your research interest.
- Why does this research require an interdisciplinary approach?
- What are the conceptual and practical reasons for your choice of knowledge areas (disciplines) and methodologies?
- State any relevant issues including your professional or other experience qualifications to undertake interdisciplinary research.

Proposed Research Statement

Name of Applicant

Signature

Date (MMM DD, YYYY)



Part II

Departmental Expectations for the Individualized Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Proposal (To be completed by the supervisor and Co-supervisor)

Suitability of Applicant

Please comment on the student's ability to complete an individual interdisciplinary studies program (e.g. superior academic record, areas in which a substantial background exists)

Rationale for Interdisciplinary Program

Please build on the student's proposed research statement to provide a rationale for the need or advantage of this as an interdisciplinary program. Please attach additional pages if required.



Proposed Program Structure

To ensure that the applicant meets the requirements of both the home and conjoint departments, please complete Section 1 (for Master's applicants) or Section 2 (for Doctoral applicants)

SECTION 1 (Master's Degree)

Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Required Course(s)			
Research Methods Course(s)			



Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Thesis Requirements			
Other			



SECTION 2 (Doctoral Degree)

Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Required Course(s)			
Research Methods Course(s)			



Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Written Comprehensive Examination, If Required			
Candidacy Requirements			



Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Candidacy Exam Procedures			
Supervisory Meetings Required			



Course Content	Usual Requirements of Home Department	Usual Requirements of Conjoint Department	Proposed Requirements for this Application
Thesis Defense Requirements			
Other			



Supervision

Proposed Supervisor from Home Department	Proposed Supervisor from Conjoint Department
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Proposed Supervisory Committee: (Check one of the following)

☐ Master's: Will be named prior to defense

☐ Doctoral: will be named within the first year of the start of the Interdisciplinary program

☐ Supervisory committee Member Names as listed below:

1.	2.
3.	4.

Final Oral Examination

Department's procedures to be followed for the Final Oral Examination

Timelines	Term	Year
When will the student begin the individual interdisciplinary studies program?		
When do you expect the student to complete the coursework?		
When do you expect the student to complete the written comprehensive examination, if required?		
When do you expect the student to complete the candidacy examination (if a doctoral student)?		
When do you expect the student to complete the final oral examination?		

Funding Arrangements

What funding arrangements has the home department made?

How is the conjoint department assisting in funding the student?

Other Related Information (if required)



Is the applicant a new admission? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the online application for the Home Department.

Is the applicant currently actively enrolled in the Home or Conjoint Department? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state which department _____

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Signatures

Home Department Approval	Conjoint Department Approval
Home Department	Conjoint Department
Home Specialization	Conjoint Specialization
Name of Supervisor	Name of Co-Supervisor
Signature of Supervisor	Signature of Co-Supervisor
Name of Chair/Graduate Coordinator	Name of Chair/Graduate Coordinator
Signature of Chair/Graduate Coordinator	Signature of Chair/Graduate Coordinator
Date	Date

Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Approval

<input type="radio"/> Approved <input type="radio"/> Refused	Approved for Academic Term/Year
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Comments/Clarification required

The parchment will read:

Signature of Associate Dean, GPS	Date
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