

COMMITTEE ON HONORS AND ACADEMIC STANDING

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL DIVISIONAL MAJOR

FACULTY STATEMENT

(Please type or print legibly in ink)

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____ College: _____

Faculty Member's Name: _____

Position and Department **SAMPLE** _____

Campus Address and Telephone _____

Primary Adviser or Adjunct Adviser? _____

Please consult the Yale College Programs of Study for full information on the requirements for a Special Divisional Major.

A Special Divisional Major is intended as a alternative for the student whose academic interests cannot be met within one of the existing departmental or special programs listed in the Yale College Programs of Study. The major must comprise at least twelve advanced-level term courses selected from the courses listed in the Yale College Programs of Study, although the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing may give approval for specific graduate courses, tutorials, Residential College Seminars, or courses from other institutions.

In undertaking a Special Divisional Major, the student loses formal affiliation with any department or regular major. The faculty member who agrees to direct the work thus assumes an unusual responsibility for the design and successful completion of the student's major. The adviser should check the student's readiness to handle the proposed program and may wish to consult the records in the office of the student's college dean. The adviser is expected to meet with the student periodically during the junior and senior years and to direct and evaluate the senior project. The primary adviser has, in addition, the responsibility of consulting the other advisers and of periodically reviewing the student's progress and changes in the program with the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing. In spring of senior year, the primary adviser reports to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major the grade awarded to the student for the senior project.

The primary adviser must be a regular member of the Yale College faculty, preferably in the department that forms the principal component of the major. Members of other departments, visiting faculty members, and members of other faculties of the University may serve as adjunct advisers.

Prospective advisers are asked to complete this form, since the questions asked here are those usually of most concern to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing when it evaluates applications, but faculty members are, of course, also welcome to offer additional comments or to telephone the Chairman, who is the Dean of Academic Affairs, or the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Special Divisional Major.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO THE COMMITTEE ON HONORS AND ACADEMIC STANDING, C/O THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR THE SPECIAL DIVISIONAL MAJOR.

1. How thoroughly have you discussed the program with the applicant?

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2. Are you satisfied that the aims of the program cannot be achieved within one of the departmental majors by combining electives with courses in the major field? (Remember that a Special Divisional Major cannot be offered as one of two majors.) Please comment:

3. Please comment on the applicant's aptitude and preparation for the proposed program.

4. Does the proposed program form a coherent body of disciplined study? Please comment:

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5. Does the program provide for a degree of breadth and depth equivalent to that of departmental majors in Yale College? Please comment:

6. Do you have any reservations about serving as an adviser for the program, or do you have any reservations about the program itself?

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7. Please indicate here anything else that you think the Committee should take into account in evaluating the student's application.

8. If you are willing to supervise the student's work, but do not plan to be teaching during the full span of the student's program, have you made arrangements with a colleague to substitute for you during your absence? If so, with whom?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If the program is approved, this statement will be included in a file containing a record of the student's major. The student will have access to this file, according to University procedures governing students' access to their own files.