

Dietrich College Student-Defined Program Application

The Dietrich College Student-Defined program is designed for students whose academic goals cannot be as adequately served by existing Dietrich College majors or minors as they can by a student-defined alternative. To establish a Dietrich College student-defined major or minor a written proposal is required that makes the case for the proposed program's coherence, viability, and suitability. Proposals should be developed in the first and second years, and approved majors or minors should begin their program in the second or third year. A student approved for a student-defined primary major receives a degree (B.A. or B.S.) with the student-defined major indicated; a student approved for a student-defined additional major or minor will not have his or her primary college, major or degree affiliation affected.

Students interested in a Dietrich College student-defined option apply after reviewing all the information on the college's Student-Defined Program website <http://hss.cmu.edu/studentdefinedmajor.html>.

If you **ARE** already a Dietrich College student and are proposing a Dietrich College student-defined:

- **primary major**, complete this application (and preliminary proposal) and meet with your Academic Advisory Center Advisor (Baker Hall A57); after your advisor submits your application to Dr. Devine, make an appointment with Dr. Devine (see below).
- **additional major or minor**, complete this application (and preliminary proposal) and submit it directly to Dr. Joseph Devine; after you submit this application, make an appointment with Dr. Devine (see below).

If you **ARE NOT** a Dietrich College student and are proposing a Dietrich College student-defined:

- **primary major**, complete this application (and preliminary proposal) and submit it with your Dietrich College Internal Transfer Application to Baker Hall A57; meet with **Deborah Gerhardt**; after she submits this application, make an appointment with Dr. Devine (see below).
- **additional major or minor**, complete this application (and preliminary proposal) and submit it directly to Dr. Joseph Devine; after you submit this application, make an appointment with Dr. Devine (see below).

Dietrich College Dean's Office, Baker Hall 154; (412) 268-2831
Dr. Joseph Devine, Student-Defined Program Director, Baker Hall 154

Applying for (choose one): Primary Major Additional Major Minor

Interested in Transferring? Fall 20_____ Spring 20_____		Current Year: <input type="checkbox"/> FR <input type="checkbox"/> SO <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR	
Student's Name (as appears in SIO):			UserID:
Current College/School:		Current Department/Major:	
SMC Box #:	Phone #: ()	CMU Email:	

Attach a Student-Defined Preliminary Proposal Draft including (see proposal guidelines & procedures):

1. A **Cover Page** with the proposed title, which version of the proposal this is, your name, address, phone number, current class, current college, major, and the date.
2. A **one-paragraph statement** that you propose to pursue a student-defined major, additional major or minor in "____" (provide a preliminary title), and identify the areas of study you will combine to form this major. State clearly what your educational objectives are for this major or minor, and why you think you can not attain these objectives through existing programs in the Dietrich College or elsewhere in the university.
3. **Major Description, Rationale, and preliminary Curriculum.** This should be a clear, concise presentation of the proposed program's organizing ideas. Include definitions for "the field" of study proposed. Describe the theoretical framework within which the courses are to be placed for this major or minor. Finally, furnish a preliminary curriculum for the proposed program.

For Dietrich College Academic Advisory Center (AAC) Use Only (primary major applications only)

AAC Advisor's Comments (<i>Gened Audit included</i>):	Date delivered to Dr. Devine: _____

AAC Advisor's Signature/Date: _____ / _____	

For Dietrich College Student-Defined Program Use Only (Dean's Office)

Admission Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wait	For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Major <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor
Decision Signature/Date: _____ / _____	
Notes: _____	

Student's Year: <input type="checkbox"/> FR <input type="checkbox"/> SO <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR	Expected Graduation Semester/Year: _____ / _____
S3 Major Code: _____	Admit Semester/Year: _____ / _____

PROCESSING APPROVED APPLICATIONS:

Student-Defined Primary Major (Debby Gerhardt)

Academic Audit Majorfile Created: _____	_____ If IT, waived Freshman Seminar
S3 Major Degree Entry: <input type="checkbox"/> BA or <input type="checkbox"/> BS	S3 College Entry: DC S3 Dept Entry: SDM
S3 Major Code Entry: _____	S3 Majorfile Entry: _____
S3 Major Advisor Entry: Joseph Devine	

Student-Defined Additional Major (Joanne Ursenbach)

Academic Audit Additional Majorfile Created: _____	
S3 Additional Major College Entry: DC S3 Additional Major Dept Entry: SDM	
S3 Additional Major Code Entry: _____	S3 Additional Majorfile Entry: _____

Student-Defined Minor (Joanne Ursenbach)

Academic Audit Additional Majorfile Created: _____	
S3 Minor College Entry: DC S3 Minor Dept Entry: SDM	
S3 Minor Code Entry: _____	S3 Minorfile Entry: _____