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**PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF
NEW FREE STANDING INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS**

ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY S81-75

Superseded by [F10-255 \(PDF\)](#)

A. Preface

The University Interdisciplinary Council formulates a statement of the basic attributes to be possessed by all new free standing interdisciplinary minors. These attributes are already referred to in the Interdisciplinary Studies Task Force Report.

B. Academic Master Plan Projection

A new interdisciplinary minor will be given consideration for inclusion in the campus Academic Master Plan when:

1. A "Prospectus" is prepared on the new minor to include:

- a. proposed title of new minor and general subject areas likely to be included in the program
- b. statement of need for and/or desirability of new minor in relation to the mission of the institution;
- c. expected clientele (i.e., type and numbers) for this new program;
- d. a statement of resources (including library resources) which are likely to be required and a statement of impact on other programs of the University;
- e. names of sponsors which must include representatives from each disciplinary area likely to be involved in offering the program.

- The Prospectus is submitted to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies who will be responsible for its dissemination to all College Deans for information
2. purposes and for coordinating its review by the University Interdisciplinary Council and approval by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

C. Development, Approval, and Implementation of Formal Program Proposal

- After the minor is approved for inclusion in the Academic Master Plan, the University Interdisciplinary Council in consultation with the original
1. program proposers shall designate a formal Program Committee to include as many of the original program proposers as desire to serve, plus others as appropriate.

Program

2. Committee prepares curriculum of new minor utilizing the guidelines contained in Senate Policies F79-50 and F80-63.
3. Completed program proposal is directed to appropriate College Dean for appropriate consultations and endorsements.
4. After College endorsements are received, final proposal is submitted to the University Interdisciplinary Council, CRAC, Academic Senate, Provost, and where necessary, the Chancellor's Office for final approval.
5. Minor is assigned an administrative home per the guidelines of the Interdisciplinary Studies Task Force Report.

- On-going oversight and evaluation responsibilities for the new program
6. are shared by the University Interdisciplinary Council and the Provost's Office.

** APPROVED BY PRESIDENT ROMBERG ON MAY 20, 1981 **
