

INDIVIDUALIZED CONCENTRATION PROPOSAL

Who should use this form?

Wharton students who find that the standard concentrations do not satisfy their academic goals.

What do I need to know about proposing an individualized concentration?

All individualized concentration proposals must go through the Petitions Committee. For this reason, students must fill out both the "Individualized Concentration Proposal" AND the "Petition Form" to declare an individualized concentration.

What are the requirements for an individualized concentration?

Students must present a reasoned argument for the individualized concentration. Students should also explain the unifying theme behind the concentration courses, and explain how the individualized concentration will help them meet their goals.

Each individualized concentration proposal must include 4 courses and one alternate course, in the event that one of the concentration courses is not available. At least 3 of the courses must be business courses. As with all concentrations, students must earn at least a 2.5 GPA in the four courses included in their individualized concentration.

Each individualized concentration proposal must have Wharton faculty endorsement. Students should approach a faculty member in the Wharton department most closely associated with their individualized concentration.

How do I submit my Individualized Concentration Proposal?

First, meet with an Associate Director in the Wharton Undergraduate Division to discuss your proposal prior to submission. During this meeting, you should discuss your ideas for the individualized concentration and talk about why an individualized concentration is needed to fulfill your goals.

Then, fill out the form on the opposite side of this paper. Please complete all parts of the form to expedite your proposal decision. Please note that you must attach a detailed description of the concentration, including a concentration theme and an articulation of how each course fits in cohesively with the concentration theme. You must also have a Wharton faculty signature on the Individualized Concentration Proposal in order to have your proposal considered.

Next, fill out a Petition Form so that your completed Individualized Concentration Proposal can be submitted to the Petitions Committee.

After you have completed both the Individualized Concentration Proposal AND the Petition Form, you can submit both forms to the front desk in the Wharton Undergraduate Division so that the Petitions Committee can consider your request at their weekly meeting.

After the Petitions Committee has its weekly meeting and considers your petition, you will be notified via email the outcome of your petition.

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Student Information

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Dual/ Joint Degree Program Name (if applicable): _____

Penn ID: _____ Email: _____

Name of Concentration

Courses in the Concentration

Course #1: _____

Course #2: _____

Course #3: _____

Course #4: _____

Alternate: _____

Wharton Faculty Approval

Reason for Concentration

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe in detail why an individualized concentration is required for your academic goals. Also describe the theme that unites your proposed concentration courses. Finally, articulate how each course fits cohesively with your proposed theme.