Instructions to Student's Major Department Head

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Instructions to Student's Divisional Dean

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After having approved and signed the application, keep a copy for yourself, send the original to the Registrar, and send copies to the student, the student's major department head, and the ISO course department head(s), or ask the Registrar to do so.

Instructions to ISO Course Department Head

Your signature on this application indicates approval of this student's written proposal for Interdisciplinary Study. The proposal must be attached to the application. Your approval means that you will ensure that the course(s) in your department is (are) made available to him/her. Hence, before giving your approval, you may wish to consult the faculty member who teaches the course to make sure that there is room for a non-major student and that there are no pre-requisites, including safety instructions, that must be fulfilled before taking this course.

Form must be filed with the Registrar's Office.

Purpose: The purpose of the Interdisciplinary Study Option (ISO) is to perm it students to augment their study in their major discipline in a meaningful way. The ISO should enhance study in the major, not fragment it. Use this application to request approval of your plan of study for applying credits earned outside your major department toward your major requirements. Between three and twelve ISO credits may be counted for major credit.

Eligibility: Undergraduate junior or senior in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher

Approval Process: Follow in order:

1. Discuss your interest with your advisor and/or department head.
2. Discuss your interest with each faculty m ember and/or department head of each department in which you hope to earn ISO credit.
3. Complete this form and submit it to your department head along with a written statement outlining the reasons for your request
4. If approved (i.e. signed below), submit this form to each department head in which the ISO credits will be taken.
5. If approved (i.e. signed below) by each department head, submit this form to the Dean of your division.
6. After approval by the Dean, copies will be sent to you, your department, and the Registrar.

Name _____   ID Number _____
         Last   First

Term/Year admitted_____   Expected Year of Graduation _____

RISD email _____

ISO COURSE TO BE TAKEN				MAJOR COURSE IT REPLACES		
Course	Title	Term	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
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IF THIS SIDE IS FILLED IN, THEN				**THIS SIDE MUST BE FILLED IN!**		

_____   _____   _____   _____
Student signature   Date   Major Dept. Head   Date

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Dean for student's major   Date   ISO Course Dept. Head   Date

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Second ISO Course Dept. Head   Date   Third ISO Course Dept. Head   Date

OFFICE USE: GPA VERIFICATION OF 3.5 OR HIGHER (Registrar check and initial