

Request for Permission to Complete a Thesis Outside Your Major

In some circumstances, it may be appropriate for a student to choose a thesis advisor who is not affiliated with the student's major program of study. Students who wish to write a thesis outside of their major area of study must explain their request and provide an indication of support from their proposed thesis adviser.

Complete this form (including the adviser's signed endorsement) and bring a hard copy to the Honors College for review. The Honors College will communicate the decision to both the student and the proposed adviser.

Student Name _____ **Student ID** _____

Student Major _____ **Student email** _____

Proposed Thesis Adviser _____

Adviser's Program (e.g. English, Physics) _____

Adviser's School (e.g. School of Humanities, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences)

In the space below, write a rationale (250-400 words) explaining why you wish to complete a thesis outside your major area of study.

Explanation for Request

After filling out the fields on the previous page, save your document, attach it to an email to your proposed thesis adviser and ask her/him to write a brief endorsement (250 words) of your request; the endorsement should address your level of preparedness to undertake research in another discipline and indicate his/her willingness to advise the project. Your proposed adviser will sign the form electronically and email it to Ellen.Weinauer@usm.edu.

Proposed Adviser's Endorsement

Proposed Adviser Signature _____

Request Status: Approved []

Denied []

Honors College Dean's Signature _____