

Overview

The Personalized Study Program (PSP) offers students who are self-motivated, in academic good standing, have specific, individual academic goals, and are interested in interdisciplinary studies, the opportunity to design, in close consultation with faculty advisers, a unique, alternative major. The College offers two PSP majors: the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). A student planning to pursue a PSP must seek, as early as possible (no later than the sixth quarter after matriculation for entering freshmen or third quarter for entering transfer students), two faculty members willing and qualified to help shape the program and advise on appropriate course selection. The academic counselors in Arts Advising (050 Denney Hall) may assist with the selection of appropriate course work for the General Education Curriculum and offer general guidelines and course possibilities for the major, but the approval of a PSP ultimately comes from faculty member(s) who can assess the appropriate level of depth for an interdisciplinary major and the College of The Arts Associate Dean.

In completing the PSP application, the student must submit a Statement of Intent that explains:

- the principles of coherence behind the program's design
- the benefits and goals of the interdisciplinary areas of study
- the reasons for the courses selected
- why the program is interdisciplinary and how these unique experiences create a comprehensive and cohesive academic program that does not exist anywhere else
- why the chosen faculty advisers are appropriate for the student's committee.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) PSP:

For students wishing to create an interdisciplinary program involving two major areas of study, one must come from within the College of the Arts' departments, school, or research center.

Requirements (181 hrs.):

- Students must have a minimum GPA 2.0 overall
- Minimum of 60 hours in PSP areas of study and maximum of 80 hours (as outlined in the student's selection of courses with the Statement of Intent)
- 100 hours GEC courses
- 1 hour of survey course
- 20 hours electives

Process of Application:

- Student must compose a Statement of Intent and Plan in consultation with two faculty members willing to serve as advisors for the student's PSP.
- Students must file a completed application, including faculty signatures, *no later than the sixth quarter after matriculation for entering freshmen or third quarter for entering transfer students*, to 050 Denney Hall for review by the Arts Curriculum Committee and for review and approval by the Associate Dean.
- Approved BA PSP proposals will be housed with the College of the Arts Advisors in 050 Denney Hall. Any changes or modifications to the initially approved program must be submitted and approved by the College of the Arts Associate Dean and both faculty advisors.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) PSP:

The BFA PSP is for those rare instances in which a student's skills, interests, and vision lie outside existing majors, double majors, or a major and minor combination. Students who have been accepted (by audition, jury, or portfolio review) into any of the tagged professional degree programs (Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Science in Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts: Art or Dance, Bachelor of Art Education) may apply for the College BFA PSP. The PSP must be interdisciplinary.

Requirements (181–205 hrs.):

- Students must have a minimum GPA 2.0 overall
- 114 credit hours in PSP areas of study (with 75 hours in the College of the Arts)
- The students follow the GEC credit hour requirements of the "home" department
- 1 hour of survey course
- The student must audition for the home department and be accepted into the home department's tagged degree: BM, BME, BFA, BSD, BAE. This department will serve as the student's home department.

Process of Application:

- Acceptance into tagged department home.
- Compose a Statement of Intent and Plan in consultation with two faculty members willing to serve as advisors for the student's PSP.
- File a completed application, with faculty signatures, *no later than after six quarters for entering freshmen and after three quarters for entering transfer students*, to 050 Denney Hall for review by the Arts Curriculum Committee and for review and approval by the College of the Arts Associate Dean.

- Approved BFA PSP proposals will be housed with the College of the Arts Advisors in 050 Denney Hall. Any changes or modifications to the initially approved program must be submitted and approved by the College of the Arts Associate Dean and both faculty advisors.

Application and Program Guidelines Statement of Intent

Page 1: Cover Page

Fill out the form (name, etc.), giving special attention to a precise, descriptive title for the PSP major. Signatures from the faculty who will serve as advisor(s) are required in order to indicate support for the creation and implementation of the major.

Page 2: Title and Statement Page

Include experiences and current goals that have led to the PSP major. Integral to the PSP is its interdisciplinary and individualized nature, so the statement should include an explanation of how this PSP incorporates opportunities at Ohio State and how it is an individualized experience.

Page 3: Courses in the PSP Major

List all courses which comprise the PSP major;

- These courses should be distinct from course work taken to fulfill GEC requirements;
- 10 hours of the PSP major can be at the 200 level and 40 hours must be at the 300 level or above.

Process:

- When the student's proposed curriculum includes any course work from the Departments of Art, Art Education, Dance, Design, History of Art, or Theatre; from the School of Music; or from the course listings under Arts College, the signature of the Curricular Dean of the College of the Arts is required, so that appropriate faculty can be consulted. These units offer professional tagged degrees, and using courses from their major curricula usually requires admission by portfolio or audition, and may complicate the development of a PSP.
- Turn in the form with an ASC Arts Academic Advisor in 050 Denney Hall, who will provide a preliminary check and, if appropriate, sign it and submit it to the ARTS Curriculum Committee for review
- If approved by the ARTS Curriculum Committee, the Associate Dean will sign it and submit it to the ASC Assistant Dean
- If approved by the ARTS Curriculum Committee, the Associate Dean, then the ASC Assistant Dean will sign and send notification to the student through email.

Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Requirements for Graduation

- a grade of C- or better for any course included in your PSP major
- a minimum of 60 hours of upper-division coursework (upper-division courses are all courses at the 300 level and above, plus Philosophy 250, 200-level courses taught in a foreign language, and 200 level courses in the following departments: Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science and Engineering, Geological Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics)
- a 2.0 overall GPA
- a minimum of 181 total credit hours for BA and 181-205 for BFA (inclusive of your PSP major program, GEC requirements, and elective course work).

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You must apply to the Arts Curriculum Committee by the sixth quarter at OSU (submit form to Dennis Thompson in 050 Denney Hall)

Name | _____ | _____ | _____ | Date:
First Middle Last
| _____ | _____ |
OSU E-Mail Address Telephone Number

Local Address
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
Number Street Apt No.
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
City State Zip Code

Hours Already Complete to date: _____ Number of Quarters at OSU: _____ Projected graduation date: _____

Degree (check one): BA BFA Do you have another major in addition to the proposed PSP? _____

PSP Title: | _____

Home Department (for BFA only): | _____ Date of Acceptance into the home department (for BFA only) | _____
(either audition, jury, or portfolio reviews)

Statement of Intent for the PSP Major:

Motive and Rationale for the Major:

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Faculty Advisors must send an email to artsp@osu.edu answering the following three questions:

- 1) In what ways is this proposal different than available major/minor offerings?
- 2) Based on your experience with the student, how is the student able or not able to undertake the work involved?
- 3) In what way do you intend to advise and support the student?

Faculty Advisor Approval: _____ (Signature) Date:

Faculty Advisor's Name: _____
(Print)

Title: _____ Dept. _____ College _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Faculty Advisor Approval: _____ (Signature) Date:

Faculty Advisor's Name: _____
(Print)

Title: _____ Dept. _____ College _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Department or School Undergraduate Studies Chair: _____ (Signature) Date:

COTA Academic Advisor: _____ (Signature) Date:

Associate Dean, College of the Arts: _____ (Signature) Date:
When a student's proposed curriculum includes ANY coursework from the Departments of Art, Art Education, Dance, Design, Theatre, School of Music, or Arts College/Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design, the signature of the College of the Arts Academic Dean is required.

ASC Assistant Dean: _____ (Signature) Date:

