

INTD 295W Individualized Major Capstone Course

EXERCISE 2: Draft Statement of IMJR Achievements

This statement is a summary and evaluation of your IMJR. You should make sure your audience understands what your IMJR is, how you constructed it, and why it is a valuable academic plan. Some of the more specific questions and matters to be addressed in your statement are the following ones:

- What are your achievements as an IMJR so far and what intellectual skills have you acquired and developed?
- Describe the characteristics (typical concerns, approach to problem-solving or analysis, types of knowledge, skills and tools required) of two of the core areas of study for your plan of study.
- How do these subject areas of your plan of study (and others, perhaps) complement each other, help you understand diverse perspectives, and permit you to build relevant knowledge and skills?
- Describe a couple of the more significant opportunities that you've already had to use the knowledge and skills that you have been acquiring. Give us a few specific examples of how it has helped you to develop knowledge and skills in more than one academic field. If you have had an opportunity to apply theory to practice (say, in an internship or research, or on study abroad or in work), tell us about it.
- Have you begun to plan for how to build on your achievements and use those skills in graduate studies, future employment, and/or lifelong learning? If so, tell us about your plans.

In your writing, you should “speak” to an audience other than a group of your peers (for example, a potential employer or graduate school admissions committee).

Minimum 2pp., maximum 4pp. typed.

Background

Ideally, every individualized major will complete - to an acceptable academic standard - a plan of study that satisfies personal undergraduate educational goals and is consistent with personal post-graduation plans.

- To achieve this goal, the student will research feasible post-graduation plans (educational, vocational, and/or lifelong intellectual interests), and reflect upon the relevant knowledge and skills that are required and may be developed in the context of an undergraduate major. Through discussion and writing, the student will get feedback from peers, advisors, and faculty on the goals and plans.
- Some of this work is done at the admissions stage of the IMJR, but some needs to be done near the end of the major. This is why we ask you to complete a Statement of IMJR Achievements in this course.

We also hope that every individualized major has the opportunity to develop and use multiple perspectives of analysis.

- To achieve this goal, the student will study his or her subject from more than one disciplinary perspective. The individualized major must take courses from at least two departments, and typically takes at least three courses at upper level in at each of (at least) two departments.
- In the individualized Statement of IMJR Achievements we ask you to discuss two or more perspectives of analysis that have been developed during the individualized major. For example, what is involved when you study “Consumer Behavior” in psychology? What about in communication sciences or management? For a student following a plan of “Forensic Diagnostics”, what approaches and technical tools are gained from courses in the Allied Health Sciences Department? What about those of Molecular and Cell Biology?

EVALUATION OF EXERCISE 2–STATEMENT OF IMJR ACHIEVEMENTS

Minimum 2-4pp. typed; due **Thursday, September 14th** at start of class. Note: Late submissions will be penalized.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Unacceptable	Points
<p>The Fundamentals. Have you clearly described what your Individualized Major is in concept? Have you clearly explained how you built the major from courses and other experiences while at UConn? Have you made clear why on academic grounds the major is valuable (in general, but particular to you)?</p>							___ of 15
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<p>Your core academic disciplines. Do you describe the characteristics of two of the core areas of study for your plan of study? Do you explain how these subject areas of your plan of study (and others, perhaps) complement each other, help you understand diverse perspectives, and permit you to build relevant knowledge and skills?</p>							___ of 10
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<p>Achievements. Have you summarized your achievements as an IMJR so far and identified what intellectual skills you have you acquired and developed? Are your achievements presented in the most positive manner that you can realistically adopt? Are these achievements expressed in conceptual terms as well as transferable skills?</p>							___ of 10
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<p>Experiential learning. Do you describe the more significant opportunities that you've already had to use the knowledge and skills that you have been acquiring?</p>							___ of 5
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<p>A heading to Exercise 2 should specify the audience for your statement. Have you tailored your statement to your audience?</p>							___ of 5
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<p>Is your statement well written?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling? • Grammar? • Organization of thoughts? • Clarity of expression? 							___ of 5
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Points for Exercise 2							___ of 50

Grades	Points	Grades	Points
A	50	C	37
A-	45	C-	38
B+	44	D+	32
B	42	D	30
B-	40	D-	26
C+	39	F	0