Washington State University
MAJOR CHANGE FORM -- REQUIREMENTS
(Submit original signed form and TEN copies to the Registrar’s Office, zip 1035.)
See https://www.roet.wsu.edu/ROPub/Apps/HomePage.ASP for this form.

*Submit an additional copy to the Faculty Senate Office, French Administration 338, zip 1038.

Department Name  College of Communication

1. CHECK PROPOSED CHANGES.
   □ Change department/program name from_________________ to_________________
   □ New degree or program in_________________
   □ Change name of degree from_________________ to_________________
   □ Drop degree or program in_________________
   □ Extend existing degree or program to_________________ campus
   □ New Major in_________________
   □ Change name of Major from_________________ to_________________
   □ Revise Major requirements in Ph.D. in Communication Graded credits from 45 to 42
   □ Drop Major in_________________
   □ Revise certification requirements for the Major in_________________
   □ New Option in_________________
   □ Revise requirements for the Option in_________________
   □ Drop Option in_________________
   □ New Minor in_________________
   □ Revise Minor requirements in_________________
   □ Drop Minor in_________________
   □ New Undergraduate Certificate in_________________
   □ Revise Undergraduate Certificate requirements in_________________
   □ Drop Undergraduate Certificate in_________________
   □ Other_________________

Effective term/year  Fall 2010

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2. GIVE REASONS FOR EACH REQUEST MARKED ABOVE. (Attach additional paper if necessary; see reverse side.)

4. SIGN AND DATE APPROVALS.

Chair Signature/date  Dean Signature/date  General Education Com/date

Catalog Subcom/date  Academic Affairs Com/date  Graduate Studies Com/date  Senate/Date

Director of Graduate Studies
The faculty of the Murrow College voted to change the required number of graded credits for the Ph.D. in Communication from 45 to 42. This will allow students to take 3 credits of independent study.
Dear Mike:

Sandi Brabb in our student services office forwarded me your email.

We just wanted to add the option for a student to take an independent study with one of our faculty if the student has a particular study interest not covered by our coursework. For example, this semester we have one student working on environmental communication with his advisor....the individual study allows him to go in depth into an area we don't cover enough in our coursework.

We have specific policies for the independent study credits, including that they can't be used for dissertation work, the work can't be used to further a faculty member's own research, and that the proposal must be approved by our graduate program committee.

The reduction in graded credits doesn't change our overall requirements; it just allows students to use 3 credits of independent study toward their major or supporting area of study.

Please let me know if you need anything else (by the way, I served on GSC for six years....it's an important job)

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