

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

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SECONDARY MAJOR DECLARATION

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please provide all information requested below. This request to add a secondary major becomes effective only upon receipt of the complete, fully signed and approved documentation in the Registrar's Office.

Pursuing a secondary major represents the completion of work in two major areas, but for one degree. Both majors must be completed before the degree can be earned. This applies to undergraduate students only. Freshmen are not eligible since they have not yet started a specific major.

It is rare for a student to double major at RISD due mainly to the amount of extra work involved. **It usually demands at least one extra year of study, sometimes more than that.** Example: 4yr undergraduate course of study typically extends to 5 yrs, etc.

The sheer number of departmental credits required for any major in a BFA program (54 minimum) or Five Year program (81 minimum), in combination with course scheduling and number of hours in the studio, results in a course of study comprising of 168 credits when factoring in a secondary major.

To complete the approval process for a secondary major, the applicant must:

- 1) Attach their RISD Degree Audit (e.g., academic evaluation)
- 2) Attach a detailed plan of classes to be taken in both majors to demonstrate ability to accomplish degree requirements as published in the RISD Course Announcement
- 3) Confer with and obtain the signature of current major advisor
- 4) Confer with the Department Head of the current/primary major and obtain approval signature
- 5) Confer with the Department Head of the requested secondary major and obtain approval signature
- 6) Attach the supporting documentation (noted in 1 and 2 above) to this form and submit the entire signed package to the appropriate Division Dean's Office.

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____ Email: _____@risd.edu

Current/primary major: _____ Requested secondary major: _____

Anticipated undergraduate degree completion date, which includes the resulting additional time of study at RISD:

Fall / Year _____ Wintersession / Year _____ Spring / Year _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

PRIMARY MAJOR

Major Advisor

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Department Head

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

approve disapprove

Division Dean

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

approve disapprove

SECONDARY MAJOR

Department Head

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

approve disapprove

Division Dean (if different from primary major)

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

approve disapprove