INTEGRATED STUDIES SPECIAL MAJOR APPLICATION

The Integrated Studies Program (ISP) offers a limited number of highly qualified, self-directed learners the opportunity to develop and pursue an individualized, interdisciplinary major - known as an Integrated Studies Special Major (ISSM). Acceptance of your application represents only provisional admission into the ISSM. You must successfully complete all the requirements for the Integrated Studies ProSeminar to continue in the program. The evaluation of applications is based on the following criteria: (1) the clarity and academic validity of the applicant's statement of purpose; (2) the extent to which the applicant's proposed "Concentration" or area of study meets the requirements for an ISSM as specified in the CSUMB Catalog; (3) the feasibility of the proposed Concentration in terms of the faculty expertise and learning resources available at CSUMB; and (4) the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that she/he is capable of pursuing successfully a proactive and self-directed learning program.

Name of Applicant_____ Student ID # _____
Local Address_____City_____Zip_____
Local Phone(s)_____Date Entered CSUMB_____
Units Completed___Overall GPA___Graduation Date_____ Transferred from _____
Title or Brief Statement of Proposed Concentration _____
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List **two or more** existing degree programs at CSUMB from which you expect to complete most of the courses/learning experiences that are part of your proposed Concentration. (This is an ISSM requirement):
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When do you plan to enroll in the Integrated Studies ProSeminar _____

List the number and title of any upper division courses/learning experiences that you have **already completed** and that you think should be included in your proposed Concentration:
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Your Advising Responsibility: If you are accepted for provisional entry into the ISP, you must find two full-time faculty members at CSUMB who are willing to serve on your ISSM Faculty Advisory Committee (along with the ISP Coordinator). Together, these two faculty members must have expertise in at least two of the areas encompassed by your proposed Concentration. If you already have one or more faculty members in mind for your Faculty Advisory Committee, please write the name(s) below:
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Statement of Purpose: Please attach a typed/wordprocessed statement of purpose (approximately 500 words) describing your proposed Concentration, the relevance of this proposed Concentration to your academic and career goals, how your proposed Concentration matches the purpose and requirements of the ISSM, and whether you have previous experience at self-directed (independent) learning. You should also include a discussion of the issues, problems, and/or ideas you want to examine within your Concentration. Make sure that your statement is well written and that you present your case effectively.

It would be helpful if you also attached a transcript or transcripts (unofficial copies are OK) of your college work and/or your CSUMB Transfer Evaluation.