

Georgetown University
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

BSFS Declaration of Major Form

Please see below for detailed instructions
(Revised November 2005)

Student Name: (please print) _____

Student ID Number: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Major: _____ **Subfield:** _____

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **IHIS** majors must attach a draft list of six “self-designed” courses for the concentration.
2. **STIA** majors must circle Option I or Option II for Group 3 science Courses.
3. a. The **major declaration period** begins at the *end of Add/Drop in September* and ends on the *Friday before Spring Break* in sophomore year.
b. Major declaration has to be *completed prior to a study abroad application*.
4. **Certificate candidates** should indicate their certificate here: _____

Please indicate below which BSFS core curriculum requirements you have completed:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>
Proseminar	_____	First History	_____
Pol. & Soc. Thought	_____	Regional History I	_____
Philosophy II	_____	Regional History II	_____
Theology I	_____	Microeconomics	_____
Theology II	_____	Macroeconomics	_____
Hum. & Writing I	_____	Int'l Trade	_____
Hum. & Writing II	_____	Int'l Finance	_____
Int'l Relations	_____	Lang. Proficiency	_____
Comp. Pol. Sys.	_____	Map	_____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dean's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

To officially declare your major, the procedure is as follows:

1. You must write a short **essay** that outlines the intellectual project you hope to pursue in the context of your major. In this essay, you should identify the themes and questions you wish to explore, and discuss how you plan to do so. If you propose to study abroad, you should include your rationale for the location and course of study you want to undertake. Most major declaration essays are 250-500 words, but they may be longer. The final version of this essay should be attached to this form. International History majors must also complete and attach the IHIS study plan (available in the Dean's Office).
2. You should fill out the front of this form, indicating which core courses you have completed and which you still need to take. If possible, indicate when you hope to fulfill outstanding requirements.
3. Once your major declaration form and essay are complete and signed by you, you must make an appointment for a **sophomore review** with the dean responsible for your major. The purpose of the sophomore review is to assess your progress toward graduation and make you aware of remaining requirements and opportunities. During the meeting, the dean will review your major declaration with you, and address any questions you may have. **Your major declaration is not complete until you have had a sophomore review in person - do not simply drop off this form in the Dean's office.**

For more information on choosing a major, please see the BSFS website at www.georgetown.edu/sfs/bsfs or consult your dean.