

Application for Open Curriculum

Instructions

- Please complete all sections of the attached application.
- All but first semester freshmen should provide a current transcript.
- Your adviser must sign the application.
- Three letters of recommendation are necessary, one from your adviser and two others from individuals (preferably Wake Forest faculty) who can assess your academic abilities and qualities. Note that a first semester freshman need only submit a letter of recommendation from his or her adviser.

Applications should be sent to the following address by October 1st or March 1st:

Dr. Barry Maine,
Chair of the Open Curriculum Committee
Department of English
Box 7387, Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, NC 27106-7387
maine@wfu.edu

Your Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Signature: _____

Adviser's Name: _____

Adviser Signature: _____

Letter of Recommendation: (list names)

Describe and provide intellectual justification for your proposed plan of study under the Open Curriculum program. What particular qualities or experiences make you especially suited for Open Curriculum?

Students admitted to the Open Curriculum program must complete basic requirements, but enjoy some flexibility in satisfying divisional requirements. Using the list of divisional requirements on the following page, please indicate by course number and name those divisional requirements that you have already completed. Also indicate those courses that you would like to take in place of your remaining divisional requirements and those divisional requirements that you still plan to take. The Open Curriculum does not require a one-for-one substitution of courses for divisional requirements, but it is important that no major area of study be completely eliminated.

This curriculum plan is not binding. The Open Curriculum Committee may require changes in your plan upon which your admission to the program will depend. This plan will serve as the guideline from which your Open Curriculum adviser will work out a contract with you describing those particular courses that you must complete to satisfy the requirements for graduation. Any subsequent changes will require the approval of your Open Curriculum adviser.

I. History, Philosophy and Religion (select 3 courses, one per category)

History

Philosophy

Religion

II. Literature (select 2 courses, only one per category)

English Literature

American Literature

Foreign Literature or Humanities

III. The Fine Arts (select one course)

Art

Music

Theater

IV. Social and Behavioral Sciences (select 3 courses, only one per category)

Anthropology

Economics

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

V. Natural Sciences and Mathematics (select 3 courses from two departments)

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Mathematics and Computer Science

Additional Information

SAT: Math _____

Verbal _____

Class Rank: _____

Advanced Placement courses:

Please attach a current transcript for all course work at Wake Forest University.

Letter of Recommendation

Dear Recommender:

_____ has applied to the Open Curriculum Program and has given your name as a reference.

The Open Curriculum is a program designed to enable highly qualified students to develop their own programs of study with the guidance of faculty advisers. This program allows the substitution of more specialized or challenging courses for those specified by the lower division requirements. Generally, Open Curriculum students are very motivated students who wish to have added flexibility in planning their course work. Admission to the program is restricted to independent, mature students who have special talents, interests or goals, and whose records reflect evidence of academic achievement and responsibility.

Your name _____

Date _____

Position _____

Department _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this student? In what ways do you believe this student is suited for the Open Curriculum program?

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