

Application for Proposing an Individualized Specialization Area



College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

When an Agricultural Ecosystem Sciences (AES) student has educational goals that do not align with one of the current Technical or Applied areas of specialization they may request approval to create an Individualized Specialization Area.

An Individualized specialization area may be created in either the Technical or Applied areas, but not both. The area must be comprised of at least 9 credit hours. These credit hours can be taken at another university but must be transferred to the University of Kentucky. The student is responsible for having transcripts sent to UK and ensuring they have been received. Courses should be at a 200+ level, keeping in mind that 45 credit hours of 300+ level courses are needed for graduation. Students are only required to have three courses at 3 credit hours each (9 credit hours total), however in some cases to round out the area of specialization some students include four courses equaling 9 (or more) credit hours

This proposal must include:

1. A completed individualized specialization area form (this form).
2. A copy of the student's Plan of Study which includes the proposed course work.
3. A copy of all of the course descriptions (or syllabi) that the student is using for the Individualized specialization area

Once completed this proposal should be submitted (digitally) to:

- Dr. David McNear, DUS for the AES program. @ dave.mcnear@uky.edu.

Deadlines

- If you intend on graduating in May or August it is **strongly recommended** that this form be submitted by **November 1st** the year before.
- If you intend on graduating in December it is **strongly recommended** that this form be submitted by **March 1st** of the same year.

This proposal should be submitted **BEFORE** taking the courses for the Individualized Specialization Area as it is not guaranteed that it will be approved. Students who transfer to UK from another institution and wish to use courses from their prior institution to create an area of specialization are encouraged to submit this form as soon as possible after they transfer. Lack of planning and failure to get this individualized specialization request submitted by the recommended dates may result in a delay in your graduation.

Student Name:

Student ID #:

Current Date:

Cumulative GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

Faculty Advisor

Technical Specialization :

Name:

Applied Specialization:

Unique name of your Specialized Area:

Courses that make up your Individualized Concentration Area:

	Course #	Course Name	# of Credits
1			
2			
3			
4			

Will you have at least 45 credit hours of 300+ level work at the time of graduation?

If not, this proposal will not be approved.

Are the course descriptions or syllabi attached?

Is your Plan of Study attached?

Purpose of creating this Individualized Specialization Area:

Course #1

Course Number: _____ Number of Credits: _____

Course Name: _____

Semester and Year Course was taken or will be taken: _____

Institution that Granted Credit: _____

Has the course credit been transferred to UK? _____

Does it show up on your transcripts? _____

Is this course a 200 level or above? _____

If not, please include justification why it should be accepted in the space below. How does this course fit into this Individualized Specialization Area?

Course #2

Course Number: _____ Number of Credits: _____

Course Name: _____

Semester and Year Course was taken or will be taken: _____

Institution that Granted Credit: _____

Has the course credit been transferred to UK? _____

Does it show up on your transcripts? _____

Is this course a 200 level or above? _____

If not, please include justification why it should be accepted in the space below. How does this course fit into this Individualized Specialization Area?

Course #3

Course Number: _____ Number of Credits: _____

Course Name: _____

Semester and Year Course was taken or will be taken: _____

Institution that Granted Credit: _____

Has the course credit been transferred to UK? _____

Does it show up on your transcripts? _____

Is this course a 200 level or above? _____

If not, please include justification why it should be accepted in the space below. How does this course fit into this Individualized Specialization Area?

Course #4 (if applicable)

Course Number: _____ Number of Credits: _____

Course Name: _____

Semester and Year Course was taken or will be taken: _____

Institution that Granted Credit: _____

Has the course credit been transferred to UK? _____

Does it show up on your transcripts? _____

Is this course a 200 level or above? _____

If not, please include justification why it should be accepted in the space below. How does this course fit into this Individualized Specialization Area?

Student Signature

Dr. David McNear, DUS, AES

Date

Date