

Policy for Co-Majors in BAE

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Students requesting a co-major in BAE shall, in addition to the normal application package for admission, submit a Tentative Plan of Work (TPOW), a one- to two-page description of the proposed research project, and a one- to two-paragraph statement justifying the request. The research plan and justification shall show evidence of cooperative ties between the student's program and BAE. The BAE Graduate Studies Committee (BAE-GSC) will consider this information in the manner outlined in the following paragraph. In addition to fulfilling all BAE requirements for the appropriate degree, the TPOW must identify a full member of the BAE faculty as a co-chair of the student's advisory committee. The student is expected to have worked closely with the co-chair in developing the TPOW and the research plan. The co-chair may be asked to meet with the BAE-GSC if it seems appropriate or necessary. In some instances, the student may also be requested to meet with the BAE-GSC.

Processing of the request by the BAE-GSC is not expected to differ substantially from any other request for admission to graduate studies in BAE, except that consideration will be given to the appropriateness of the student's TPOW, research plan and justification to the mission of the department. Compatibility with the objectives of the BAE co-chair's own research program may also be considered; however, the BAE-GSC will likely respect the wishes of the co-chair in that respect. Responsibility for satisfying departmental requirements will rest with the BAE co-chair and the BAE Director of Graduate Programs (BAE-DGP), however the BAE-GSC may point out weaknesses of the program it feels need to be addressed. If the request is approved, the student will be expected to work with the co-chair to rectify any deficiencies identified, with the BAE-DGP acting as the final approval authority for the department.

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