

Information for Proposing an Individualized Concentration Area

When a Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES) student has educational goals that do not align with one of the current Analytical Skill Development Areas or one of the Environmental Systems Emphasis Areas they may seek approval to create an Individualized Concentration Area.

An Individualized Concentration Area may be created in either the Analytical Skill Development Area or the Environmental Systems Emphasis Area. It 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. Most students have three courses at 3 credit hours each (9 credit hours total), however some students have four courses equaling 9 (or more) credit hours.

This request must be submitted to:

1. The student's faculty advisor for first review.
2. The NRES Steering Committee (by the faculty advisor) for final approval by the appropriate deadline.

This request must include:

1. The Individualized Concentration Area form completely filled out.
2. The Individualized Concentration Area form signed by the student's faculty advisor.
3. A copy of the student's Plan of Study which includes the proposed course work.
4. A copy of all of the course descriptions (or syllabi) that the student is using for the Individualized Concentration Area.

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.

It is HIGHLY advised that you submit this proposal BEFORE taking the courses for the Individualized Concentration Area as it is not guaranteed that it will be approved. Students who transfer to UK from BCTC or other institutions are encouraged to submit this form as soon as possible after they transfer. Lack of planning and failure to get this individualized ASD/ESEA request submitted by the recommended dates may result in a delay in your graduation.

NRES Proposal for an Individualized Concentration Area

Student Name:

Student ID #:

Current Date:

Cumulative GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

Faculty Advisor Name:

Analytical Skill Development Area:

Environmental Systems Emphasis Area:

Name of your Individualized 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 Concentration 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 Concentration 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 Concentration 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 Concentration 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 Concentration Area?

Student Signature

Faculty Advisor Signature

Date

Date