

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
PRINCIPAL ACADEMIC ADVISOR CONSENT FORM

>> Required for Admission <<

What are the Principal Advisor and Advisory Committee?

There is no built-in advisement system in this major since it is not associated with an academic department. Therefore, it is necessary for students to convene an advisory committee. This committee consists of three graduate faculty members (a principal advisor plus two advisory committee members). The Program Advisory Committee must have representation from a minimum of two of the four schools: Arts and Humanities, Education, Natural and Social Sciences, and Professions. Together, the principal advisor and committee members monitor the student's progress throughout the course of the program, functioning essentially as an academic department. It is the student's responsibility to initiate and maintain contact with the advisory committee throughout his/her study at Buffalo State.

The principal academic advisor works most closely with the student throughout his or her program and generally serves as the supervisor of the master's project or thesis. This advisor must be a member of the graduate faculty. There is a Graduate Faculty Roster available online at <http://www.buffalostate.edu/graduateschool/faculty> or in a list of graduate faculty members in the back of the Graduate Catalog to assist you in identifying advisers. Assistance in identifying a principal advisor may also be sought from the coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Studies program.

If accepted to the program, you and your principal academic advisor will recommend two additional graduate faculty members to serve as the remainder of your Program Advisory Committee. This will occur when you apply for degree candidacy (see the Graduate Catalog for candidacy information).

For Admission to Multidisciplinary Studies

Applicants are required to obtain a principal academic advisor before being considered for admission to the program. Please obtain the signature of the graduate faculty member who is willing to serve as your Principal Academic Advisor on the bottom of this form and return the form to the Graduate School before the application deadline date. **If you are unable to obtain the consent of a principal advisor, then you will not be considered for admission to the Multidisciplinary Studies program.**

Questions? Please contact Kimberly J. Jackson, Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Studies program, at 716-878-5601 or via e-mail at jacksokj@buffalostate.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Complete name and ID, and obtain PA signature before submitting to the Graduate School, GC 204 with your admission application.

Applicant/Student Name: _____

Social Security/ID #: _____

Principal Advisor Consent:

I will serve as principal academic advisor for above applicant. This consent is subject to my review of his/her academic records and credentials.

Faculty Name (Please Print)

Department and Office Address

Faculty Signature

Date