Independent Concentration

The Independent Concentration program is for exceptionally dedicated students who are willing to spend extra time and effort creating an interdisciplinary concentration, representing a coherent field of study that Brown does not offer and that cannot be studied cohesively within a standard concentration. Such fields may include emerging fields in the academy, such as "Educational Neuroscience," or broader interdisciplinary areas, such as "Migration Studies." The proposal process consists of: (1) Meeting with the Curricular Resource Center's IC Peer Coordinators (https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/advising/curricular-resource-center/brown.edu/go/ic/); (2) Completing a draft IC Application (https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/advising/curricular-resource-center/independent-concentrations/ic-proposal-submission/ic-proposal/) and soliciting feedback from the Peer Coordinators; (3) Identifying an approved Faculty Sponsor (an advisor) and obtaining a letter of support; and (4) Submitting the application and letter of support by one of the six deadlines during the academic year. (Optional: Students interested in pursuing honors should read the IC Honors Thesis Guidelines (https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/advising/curricular-resource-center/independent-concentrations/independent-concentrations/resources-current-icers/)).

Independent concentration proposals are reviewed and approved by the College Curriculum Council.