Independent Concentration

The Independent Concentration program is for exceptionally dedicated students who are willing to spend extra time and effort creating a “new” concentration, representing a coherent field of study that Brown does not offer. Such fields may include emerging topics, such as “sustainable technology,” or broader interdisciplinary areas, such as “Deaf and Disability Studies.” The IC 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/meet-crcers); 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 (http://brown.edu/academics/college/advising/curricular-resource-center/sites/brown.edu.academics.college.advising.curricular-resource-center/files/uploads/IC_FacultyAdvisorInfoSheet.docx); and 4) Submitting the application and letter of support by the deadline (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)).

Deadlines: The IC subcommittee of the College Curriculum Council reviews proposals six times per year; applicants must have satisfied two requirements: (1) submission of their first IC proposal by the end of their 5th semester; (2) meeting with at least one of the IC Peer Co-Coordinators before submitting their proposal.

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