Contract Majors
Instructions for the Student

Although research has shown that most graduate programs favor the pursuit and completion of an existing major rather than creation and completion of a contract major, some students wish to pursue the latter as an option.

Seaver College will only consider approving contract majors for students whose academic goals are so specialized that they cannot be met by another existing course of study and when there is full support from all academic divisions. As a result, no student with an approved contract may pursue a double major when the second major is one that already exists in the Seaver catalog.

All students who wish to apply for a contract major must have at least 30 earned units of college credit and a minimum all-cumulative GPA of 2.5. Additionally, after approval of the contract, the student would have to complete at least 45 units at Seaver College, of which at least 30 units must be part of the contract.

If you would like to establish a contract major, please submit a written proposal to the Academic Advising Center (via email to onestop@pepperdine.edu or hard copy to OneStop) including the rationale behind your major and the list of proposed courses, keeping in mind the requirements listed above.

Once we receive your proposal, we will consult the related academic divisions and reply to you within a reasonable time period with your options.

Warm regards,

The Office of Student Information and Services