

Tips for faculty mentors on preparing the BIS Contract

The following are key points to consider when designing a contract:

Title:

- _____ Title expressed in academic language, and supported through coursework
- _____ Avoidance of “and” in title (e.g., don’t connect two majors with “and”)
- _____ Title does not duplicate existing degree at GMU

Balance and Credits:

- _____ Concentration is “balanced” (e.g. no more than 50% of one discipline represented in the concentration)
- _____ Minimum of 2 integrated disciplines

Courses:

- _____ Include BIS 300, 390, 490, 491
- _____ Total credits 34-46 credits
- _____ Courses in concentration cannot be used anywhere else in the degree (elective, general education, etc). Special rules apply to minors.
- _____ Special topics courses are identified by title, including BIS 489
- _____ No more than 5 courses from any one department.

Notes:
