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**DEPARTMENT MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO PROPOSED**

**SPECIAL CONCENTRATION**

The Standing Committee on Special Concentrations requests departmental feedback on proposals for Special Concentrations, including feedback from the department (or degree-granting committee) most closely related to the proposal. As the Director of Undergraduate Studies or Head Tutor of the department most closely related to the above-named student's interests, we ask that you use this form to provide feedback on this student’s proposed Special Concentration.

In a proposal, the Committee looks for overall coherence of the proposed field, along with breadth and depth of inquiry. We ask students to show that their proposed concentration covers a field of study, rather than a narrowly-defined research area, and to explain the proposed concentration’s essential elements. The Committee also considers feasibility (does Harvard have the academic resources to support this proposal?) and student commitment. If you would like to learn more about the Special Concentrations program, please visit [our website](https://specialconcentrations.fas.harvard.edu/) or contact us directly at specialconc@fas.harvard.edu.

The Faculty legislation authorizing Special Concentrations stipulates that a Special Concentration should not be granted if the student's Plan of Study can be pursued within an existing concentration. While it may be that this student’s proposal could be accommodated by your concentration with some adjustments, the Committee asks you to consider whether this student would be as well served by your concentration, given their intellectual goals. More specifically, we ask you to address the following questions:

1) Does the proposed Special Concentration have the coherence, breadth, and depth expected of an undergraduate concentration?

2) If so, is it a better option for the student than a traditional concentration or combination of existing programs?

**Please feel free to attach additional pages to this sheet.**

**Signature**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(The Committee on Special Concentrations appreciates the care and candor with which you will reply.)

Return to Lisa Laskin, Office of Undergraduate Education, University Hall 033, OR email to specialconc@fas.harvard.edu.