

## Letter to Major Advisor Coversheet

### Integrated Studies in Science, Engineering, and Society Letter to Major Advisor Coversheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date ISSuES Program Completed \_\_\_\_\_

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Which focus area did you complete?

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| <input type="radio"/> Ethics | <input type="radio"/> Leadership                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Design | <input type="radio"/> General _____ (specify focus) |
| <input type="radio"/> Unsure |   |

#### Letter to Your Major Advisor

We at the Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies are interested to hear about your experience in ISSuES. While completion

Please attach a 1-2 page (single spaced) **Letter to My Major Advisor**. This short essay should be in response to the following prompt. A sample outline is provided on the second page of this **Letter of Interest Form**.

**Prompt:** The ISSuES Certificate Program was designed to help you gain broad knowledge of the social sciences and humanities in a way that emphasizes the relationship between science, technology, engineering and society. Now that you have completed the program, why do you believe it is important to understand how science and technology shapes (and is shaped by) social, cultural, economic and political environments?

If you are an engineering student, please answer the following question **in addition** to the prompt above.

As an engineering student, how do you expect your broad knowledge of the social sciences and humanities to affect your future engineering practice?

Please also attach an up-to-date DARS report.

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APPROVED BY: _____	DATE APPROVED: _____

## Sample Outline for the Letter to My Major Advisor

Your Letter to My Major Advisor should be clear, well thought out and complete in sentence structure. It should have a clear thesis supported by evidence from your experience. The letter should only be 1-2 pages long (single spaced), so you need to be concise. Before you submit your Letter to My Major Advisor to the Holtz Center, you should ask a faculty member or fellow student to proofread your work.

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**Opening Paragraph:** Here you want to introduce yourself and give your general reasons for pursuing the ISSuES certificate.

**Body:** In this section, you should answer the prompt and explain why you believe it is important to understand how science and technology shapes (and is shaped by) social, cultural, economic and political contexts. Your goal here is to show us what you have learned from participating in ISSuES.

Your ideas should be clear and supported with evidence that references your participation in the ISSuES program. Evidence can include knowledge gained from your focus cluster courses, experiences in ISSuES program activities or knowledge from STS 201..

If you are an engineering student, this is where you explain how you expect your engineering practices to be affected by broad knowledge of the social sciences and humanities. Again, your ideas should be clear and supported with evidence from your participation in ISSuES.

**Closing Paragraph:** Finally, leave the reader with a strong sense of how you plan to utilize what you have learned from participating in the ISSuES program.