

**Letter of Interest Form**

**Integrated Studies in Science, Engineering, and Society  
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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Certificate Advisor Consulted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Consulted \_\_\_\_\_

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Which focus area do you intend to complete?

- Ethics
- Design
- Unsure
- Leadership
- General \_\_\_\_\_ (specify focus)

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Please attach a 1-2 page (single spaced) **Letter of Interest**. 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 is 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. 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 broad knowledge of the social sciences and humanities to affect your engineering practice?

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

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APPROVED BY: _____	DATE APPROVED: _____

## Sample Outline for Letter of Interest

Your Letter of Interest should be clear, concise, and complete in sentence structure. It should have a clear and concise thesis supported by evidence. The letter should only be 1 to 2 pages long (single spaced), so you need to be concise. Before you submit your Letter of Interest to the Holtz center, you should ask a faculty member or fellow student to proofread your work.

**Prompt:** The ISSuES Certificate Program is 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. Why do you believe it is important to understand how science and technology shapes (and is shaped by) social, cultural, economic and political contexts?

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 broad knowledge of the social sciences and humanities to affect your engineering practice?

**Opening Paragraph:** Here you want to introduce yourself and give your general reasons for pursuing the ISSuES certificate. If you are especially interested in a specific focus, here is the place to declare that interest and explain why.

**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 ideas should be clear and supported with evidence. This evidence can be relevant knowledge from past courses or life experiences.

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. This evidence can be relevant knowledge from past courses or life experiences.

**Closing Paragraph:** Finally, leave the Certificate Advisory Committee with a strong sense that you are qualified and will be successful in the ISSuES Certificate Program. In what ways have your past experiences prepared you for interdisciplinary work?