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Student Application for Joint Concentration

If you are applying for a joint concentration, please fill out this application and submit a copy of all application materials to each concentration. You must speak to an adviser (generally the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) or Assistant DUS or Head Tutor) in each concentration before filling out and submitting this application. For MCB/CPB please submit by email to dominicmao@fas.harvard.edu. The head tutor, in collaboration with the ADUS, will review the application for a joint concentration and respond with a decision accompanied by feedback within a month from the time of submission. Students whose applications are denied have the opportunity to address the comments in the feedback and resubmit by the final deadline of March 15 of Junior year. Note that this is the deadline for the MCB/CPB joint petition; please check with the other concentration for their process and deadline. Owing to the significant overlap in requirements, a joint concentration in MCB with any of the other life science concentrations (Neuro, CPB, HDRB, IB, HEB, BME, Chemistry, Psychology (Life science track)) will not be allowed.

1. Name _____
Email _____
Class Year _____
Current Concentration (if declared) _____
2. Proposed Joint Concentration
Primary: _____
Allied: _____
3. Please write a brief rationale for this proposed joint concentration, i.e., explain what your academic goals are and why they cannot be met within an existing concentration, or within the existing concentration/secondary field structure. (400 words maximum)

4. A joint concentration with MCB requires the fulfillment of the MCB Honors course requirements and a senior thesis that is at the intersection of the two fields of study. A joint concentration with CPB requires the fulfillment of the CPB basic requirements and a thesis. Please share your ideas about possible thesis topics and how these would combine your interests in the two concentrations. Note that all joint thesis topics must address a life sciences research question. (200 words maximum)

5. Please list the following.

a. Name and contact information of person to whom I have spoken in proposed primary concentration_____

b. Name and contact information of person to whom I have spoken in proposed allied concentration_____

c. Name and contact information of current research mentor_____

Research topic_____

d. Name and contact information of potential thesis mentors to whom I have spoken

6. Please append the following and **submit as a single PDF file**:

a. Recent transcript with grades.

b. Plan of study if the joint is approved. Please note that the MCB concentration requirements stay the same irrespective of whether MCB/CPB is the primary or the allied concentration. MCB/CPB limits double counting for a joint concentration to two courses. This also applies to a MCB/CPB joint with concentrations that allow more courses to double count, regardless of whether MCB/CPB is the primary or the allied concentration.

c. Plan of study if the joint is not approved.