

BDIC SENIOR SUMMARY

In your final semester in BDIC you will compile a reflection piece called a senior summary. Your summary should be based on notes that you keep at every stage of your BDIC program.

The summary consists of two components: an abstract and the written statement in which you answer the questions below.

Not only will your summary serve to help you assess your self-designed major, but also it will be something that you can show employers/graduate schools to illustrate your initiative and creativity.

1) ABSTRACT - You will submit a one-page Abstract, describing your major in a paragraph and listing your 12 BDIC classes and any other relevant courses. The template for this is on the BDIC website. Please put the name of your concentration on your abstract, as well as on the written statement.

2) WRITTEN STATEMENT – In the written statement you will discuss your interdisciplinary journey through BDIC, how you “connected the dots” while creating an individualized major. Your statement should be at least 3-4 pages long and be double-spaced. You should address the following in a cohesive way:

- a) What were your goals or intentions in creating a BDIC major? To what extent did you reach your goals and intentions?
- b) Describe your experience in your most memorable BDIC classes. This is an opportunity to provide critical feedback.
- c) What are the most important things that you learned/gained from your major and the process of creating it?
- d) Give some examples of work you completed, such as papers, projects, videos, etc, that illustrate the connections you have made between disciplines.
- e) Which areas of focus did you bring together in order to forge your major and how did you combine them (give specific examples)?
- f) What skills have you developed that you might not have developed in a traditional major and what can you now contribute to the world as a result?
- g) What are your plans for the future and what is the relationship between your future plans and your BDIC concentration?

Submission Info - The graduation dates each year are in February, May and October. Senior Summary cover sheets must be signed by the faculty sponsor before being submitted to the BDIC office in 607 Goodell. The due dates are as follows: by November 15 for February graduation, April 1 for May graduation, and September 1 for October graduation.