

Multidisciplinary Studies Program  
**PRINCIPAL ADVISER CONSENT FORM**

*(Must be Submitted With the Application Packet)*

The principal adviser is responsible for working closely with multidisciplinary studies students throughout their program of study. Upon reviewing the applicant's statement of intent, the principal adviser approves a plan of study and agrees to serve as thesis or project adviser. For information regarding the multidisciplinary studies admission requirements, program requirements, policies, etc., visit <http://www.buffalostate.edu/gradprog.xml?bpid=134>.

The Principal Adviser Consent Form specifies the applicant's program requirements at the outset of the degree program prior to admission. The principal adviser may also enumerate any additional requirements the student must complete before being permitted to advance to candidacy, including but not limited to requiring the student to identify a second reader to support the course of study and read the eventual thesis or project. To be eligible to serve as a principal adviser, second and/or third reader faculty must have graduate faculty status. For a listing of faculty with graduate faculty status, visit <http://www.buffalostate.edu/graduateschool/facultyroster.xml>.

Candidacy is a written agreement outlining the courses necessary to receive a degree or certificate. Multidisciplinary students pursuing a master's degree must apply for and be admitted to candidacy after the completion of 6, but before the completion of 12 graduate-level credit hours at Buffalo State. A degree candidacy application must be approved by the student's principal adviser, a second or third reader (if required), and the graduate school.

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*The following information must be completed by the principal adviser and included in the applicant's application packet. A copy of this form will be sent to the application upon admission notification.*

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Banner ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please Print)*

**Principal Adviser Consent**

I will serve as principal adviser for the above applicant. I have read the applicant's statement of intent and have advised the student of the requirements checked below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Faculty Name (Please Print)*

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*Department and Office Address*

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*Faculty Signature*

**Degree Program (check one):**  Master of Arts (Thesis)       Master of Science (Project)

**Additional Requirements (check all that apply)**

Second reader       Oral defense       A research methods course (\_\_\_\_\_)

Third reader       Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_