ILVS WORKSHEET
Visual Studies Emphasis

Name___________________________________________

Date of declaration_____________________ Year of graduation_______________________

Foreign Language*____________________ Additional Language ______________________

Primary Cultural Area♣________________________

Secondary Cultural Area________________________________________________________

Intellectual Focus♦________________________

Major Advisor______________________________________________________________

Language Preparation

A Foreign Language (8 courses or equivalent, to an advanced level)

☐ 1/2 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 21/22 ☐ 121/122

or ☐ 31/32

(French or Spanish)♥

List courses in an additional language. (Progress to any level is acceptable.)

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Required Course Work♣

1. Visual arts courses (5 courses; may include 1 film course)

Primary cultural area (1 course) ____________________________________________

Secondary cultural area (1 course) ____________________________________________

Other visual arts (3 courses) ________________________________________________
2. Literature courses (3 courses; with readings in the original language where possible) □

Primary cultural area (2 courses) ____________________________

Secondary cultural area (1 course) ____________________________

3. Cross-cultural and/or gender-oriented literature, film, or visual studies (2 courses)

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4. Visual theory (1 course)

5. Cultural theory (1 course)

6. One of the twelve courses required for the major (not including language preparation courses) must be a seminar, directed study, or other intensive course requiring a substantial integrative project. Please indicate which of the above courses fits that definition.

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7. Mandatory senior thesis or project (give title):

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Advisor’s signature ____________________________

Date ____________________________

Program Director’s or Chair’s signature ____________________________
*By foreign language we mean a language that a student must study in order to achieve advanced proficiency. One cannot simply test out of this requirement.
**We require the study of an additional language, but do not set a required level of proficiency. In some cases, this second language is English; and can be fulfilled by taking courses taught in English.
♦ Can be a geographical area (Francophone Africa) or a more conceptual one (the modern novel). These usually line up with languages being learned, e.g., German language and Germany, but they do not have to.
♦ Sophomores usually have only a vague idea of their focus when they sign up, but it is important to have a guiding interest that informs course selection. It is crucial that this idea develops by the junior year, so that it might bear fruit during the senior year as a topic for a project or thesis.
♥ French and Spanish 31 and 32 are literature surveys and can count as both language preparation and as literature courses below.
♦ Two can be hands-on courses, e.g., creative writing, film making, etc.
□ Exceptions can be made for those beginning Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian at Tufts, since it is difficult to gain this level of competency in four years. For thesis work, however, readings in the foreign language(s) are necessary.

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NOTE: It is the student’s responsibility to return completed and signed degree sheet to Student Services in Dowling Hall.