



## DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR

### What is Distinction in the Major?

Distinction in the Major is a type of scholarly award. Departments recommend qualifying students to the dean's office during the student's final semester. If awarded, "distinction" will appear on the student's transcript. Distinction in the Major is not recognized at the commencement ceremonies.

### Criteria for earning Distinction in the IS Major

*Note: Students who are in the Honors in the Major or Honors degree program(s) are ineligible.*

1. GPA in the IS Major of 3.5 minimum.
2. Extra work above and beyond the 35 credits in the major. Typically students complete one of the following:
  - a. IS senior seminar (600-level seminar) or approved substitution
  - b. Directed study
  - c. Senior thesis
3. Letter of recommendation from a UW faculty member which describes how the student's academic work merits distinction from her/his peers. This letter may be emailed to Molly Donnellan at [molly.donnellan@wisc.edu](mailto:molly.donnellan@wisc.edu) by the last day of classes of the student's final semester.

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of extra work:

Semester/year in which work was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Recommender's Department: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be submitted to the IS Major advisor at least 3 weeks prior to graduation. You can email the form to Molly Donnellan at [molly.donnellan@wisc.edu](mailto:molly.donnellan@wisc.edu)