Overlap Checksheet
Swarthmore College – Office of the Registrar

Student Name: _____________________________________________________ Grad Year: ______________

Current Date: _______________________ Share this information with your Academic Advisor.

If your plan of study includes one or more major or minor, use this form to list the courses you have taken and plan to take, to demonstrate that you will not exceed the overlap constraints for minoring.

Required
Major____________________

Honors?  Y  N

Check only one:
- Second Major (not Honors)
- Minor

Honors?  Y  N

List Courses:
Eg: F'01 HIST 004A Col. Latin Amer… Done?
1) _____________________ ❑
2) _____________________ ❑
3) _____________________ ❑
4) _____________________ ❑
5) _____________________ ❑
6) _____________________ ❑
7) _____________________ ❑
8) _____________________ ❑
9) _____________________ ❑
10) ______________________ ❑
11) ______________________ ❑
12) ______________________ ❑

Optional:
Maj/Min____________________

Honors?  Y  N

List Courses:
Eg: S’02 CPSC 021 Unix and C…. Done?
1) _____________________ ❑
2) _____________________ ❑
3) _____________________ ❑
4) _____________________ ❑
5) _____________________ ❑
6) _____________________ ❑
7) _____________________ ❑
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11) ______________________ ❑
12) ______________________ ❑

Optional:
Minor____________________

Honors?  Y  N

List Courses:
Eg: F’01 BLST 091 Thesis… …….Done?
1) _____________________ ❑
2) _____________________ ❑
3) _____________________ ❑
4) _____________________ ❑
5) _____________________ ❑
6) _____________________ ❑

Overlap Rule:
Minors will include at least five credits, four of which may not overlap with the student’s major or other minors. This overlap rule applies to any two entities taken at one time but not collectively to three entities taken together (i.e., it is a pair-wise not a global overlap rule). This means that a student who has a major in Medieval Studies, for example, and minors in English and Gender and Sexuality Studies, must meet the overlap rule in each possible pairing but not in the three taken together. In other words, one course can overlap between Medieval Studies and English and a different course can overlap between Medieval Studies and Gender and Sexuality Studies. Exceptions: The overlap constraint is not applicable to courses that departmental majors or minors MUST take in other depts.; e.g., Mathematics courses required for an ENGR major are not automatically excluded from a minor defined by the Dept of MATH. For an Honors major who is also a double major, the overlap constraint does not apply to the relationship between the Honors minor and the second major since these will always be in the same field. Thus, an ENGL Honors major who is a HIST Honors minor and also a HIST course major as part of a double major is not violating the constraint.