Planning Document for CAS Concentration and Focus

Student's name __________________  Prospective advisor __________________

The concentration represents a coherent area of specialization within Comparative American Studies. Select one of three concentration areas: Identity and Diversity; Globalization, Transnationalism, and Nation; or Histories and Practices of Social Change. Within that area, identify a focus or theme that describes your specific interests and articulates the connections between the courses in your concentration. While concentration areas may overlap, please choose the one you feel most effectively describes your central question or issue. This document is intended to support students in the process of planning the major; it can be changed and revised as needed.

Area of Concentration: ______________________________________________________

Describe your concentration focus or theme in a clear paragraph.

Explain how your concentration focus fits into the area of concentration you have chosen.

Please list the courses you plan to use for your focus area in Comparative American Studies. Remember that you must choose courses from at least two departments or programs in order to construct an interdisciplinary approach to your focus.

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Provide a preliminary discussion of how these courses will provide you with key theoretical concepts and interdisciplinary methods necessary to develop your concentration focus.