Dear Student:

Your proposed major plan has been submitted through DegreeWorks to the Math and Social Sciences Program for approval. It is NOT declared or officially filed yet.

Each candidate for a MSS major needs to now submit to the Program Chair the following:

(1) a transcript demonstrating honors standing,

(2) a written petition describing your plan. It should be accompanied by 4 tables with course titles, course numbers, term, and grade if already taken, as follows:

- 4 non-introductory math or computer science courses including Math 36, a cohesive set of 4 social science courses with a brief explanation of how they fit together,
- 2 “other” related courses (MSS 41 and MSS 45 are strongly encouraged) prerequisite courses as outlined in the ORC

There should therefore be a total of 10 courses in the major itself and a justification explaining how these courses will enable you to meet your academic or intellectual goals. A paragraph should explain the coherence of your social science courses, which do not need to be limited to courses from one department or program. Please note that a committee of faculty members will review your materials; please allow several weeks for feedback. If the petition needs more work, the Chair will let you know via email so you can tweak it and resubmit the petition.

Once the petition is approved, your corresponding DegreeWorks course-plan will be approved by the Program within the DegreeWorks system. Please note that a thesis is required.

For more information on the MSS Program major, please visit our website at http://www.dartmouth.edu/~mss/. You may view the status of your major request on your Online Major/Minor Dashboard on the Banner menu.

Please feel encouraged to contact the MSS Program Chair if you have any questions about the Program. Mathematics.and.Social.Sciences@Dartmouth.edu or Joel.Levine@Dartmouth.edu, Program Chair (Program Administrator, 6-3995)