



**Specialization Practicum Approval Form**  
**Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, Robotics**

**Students:** Please email your advisor the form once completed for their approval.

**Practicum Coordinator:** Please email signed form to enggrad@bu.edu for processing by GPO.

Name of Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BU ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Dept/Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions:** Please check one of the following ways in which you plan to complete the practicum requirement for the specialization. Depending upon which choice is made, please attach the required documentation as indicated and submit to the Graduate Programs Office **no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> for May graduation, July 1<sup>st</sup> for August graduation, or November 1<sup>st</sup> for January graduation.**

Upon completion of the proposed practicum, you will need to submit a written summary of your work, signed (approved) by your practicum supervisor or course instructor. See Practicum Approval Instructions on Page 2.

I plan to complete the practicum requirement of the specialization by:

- ☐ Independent study (Attach proposal)
- ☐ Project (Attach proposal)
- ☐ Thesis (Attach copy of Directed Study petition with proposal)
- ☐ Course satisfying practicum
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach proposal)

Course number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*If EC521 is used for Cybersecurity specialization, no signature is needed from the specialization coordinator.

Name of Specialization Practicum Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIALIZATION PRACTICUM PROPOSAL APPROVAL**

Proposed Specialization Practicum Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Approve ☐ Deny

(Signature of Specialization Coordinator)

DATE

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**SPECIALIZATION PRACTICUM SUMMARY APPROVAL**

Summary Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Approve ☐ Deny

(Signature of Specialization Coordinator)

DATE

Comment(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Practicum Approval Instructions**

The Master's Specializations require completion of a well-defined practicum as described in the Requirements for the Specialization. The practicum requires a Proposal to be completed to document the declared practicum, and a Summary to report the results of the declared practicum(s).

Practicum proposal: To complete this form the student must:

- Check off how you intend to complete this requirement
- Attach a written proposal outlining how this project relates to the Specialization; include what is relevant to the form of project you have chosen regarding rationale, participation, goals, method of study, basis of evaluation, etc.
- Indicate who is the supervisor of the practicum and the course number and name if appropriate
- Sign and date the form
- Obtain the Practicum Proposal Approval from the specialization coordinator:

Robotics: Prof. John Baillieul  
Data Analytics: Prof. Francesco Orabona  
Cybersecurity: Prof. Gianluca Stringhini

- Email this form with Proposal Approval and all attached supporting documents to [enggrad@bu.edu](mailto:enggrad@bu.edu)

2. Summary: Upon completion of the Specialization Practicum, the student must:

- Write a summary of the work accomplished in the project. Include how the points mentioned in the proposal were actualized.
- Obtain the practicum supervisor's signature (approval) on the written summary
- Submit the signed and dated summary to the Graduate Programs Office
- Forms must be emailed to [enggrad@bu.edu](mailto:enggrad@bu.edu) no later than May 1st for May graduation, August 1st for August graduation, or December 1st for January graduation.