

The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to* and as a *complement to* a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Minor in Appalachian Studies

This minor offers the student with serious interests in Appalachian regional studies an opportunity to pursue a minor concentration to complement a major in one of the university's professional or liberal arts programs. This interdisciplinary program enables students to comprehend more fully the history, social structure, and culture of the region – its people, its problems, and its future.

The minor in Appalachian Studies requires **18 hours** of course work to include the following:

1. APP 200 Introduction to Appalachian Studies
2. Choose fifteen hours of Appalachian Studies courses. These courses must be chosen from the list below, or approved by the Director of Appalachian Studies:

APP 300 Topics in Appalachian Studies (Subtitle required)	3
APP 395 Independent Study	3
APP 399 Practicum	3
ENG 232 Literature and Place (if appropriate)	3
GEO 365 Special Topics in Regional Geography (Subtitle required)	
(if appropriate)	3
HIS 579 History of the New South	3
HIS 580 History of Appalachia	3
MUS 301 Appalachian Music	3
PS 456G Appalachian Politics	3
SOC 343 Political Sociology (if appropriate)	3
SOC 534 Sociology of Appalachia	3
SOC 735 Topical Seminar in Social Inequalities (if appropriate)	3

Note: Introduction to Appalachian Studies (APP 200) is strongly recommended. Individually arranged courses in independent study and experiential education may be counted toward the minor if approved by an Appalachian Studies advisor. Special Topics courses offered by the various departments may also be counted, if appropriate.

For more information about a minor in Appalachian Studies, contact the Director of Appalachian Studies, Dr. Ron Pen, (859) 257-8183 or e-mail at: ron.pen@uky.edu. For general information about service and research in the region, contact the Appalachian Center, 624 Maxwelton Ct., Lexington, KY 40506-0347, (859) 257-4852.