

## 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 American Studies

American studies draws together diverse disciplines to examine the historical and contemporary forms and issues of our national life. The program in American Studies takes as its field of study any peoples, cultural expressions and social institutions, however or whenever identified as "American." Program curricula link faculty, courses, and students across a range of humanities, arts, and social science departments.

The minor centers on two interdisciplinary seminars on selected topics in American studies. Students electing the minor are also encouraged to take a range of elective courses to complement their major. The minor in American Studies prepares students for further graduate or professional training, or for work in education, government, or business.

The minor requires **18 hours** of study as follows:

1. AC 301 Topics in American Culture ..... 3
2. AC 401 Perspectives in American Culture ..... 3
3. Four additional courses (**12 hours**) from the following list of approved courses. No more than two courses (or six hours) may be taken in any one discipline:

**Art History:** A-H 342

**Anthropology:** ANT 221, ANT 342, ANT 470G, ANT 527, ANT 534

**English:** ENG 310, ENG 480G

**Geography:** GEO 320, GEO 321, GEO 322, GEO 490G

**History:** HIS 260, HIS 261, HIS 265, HIS 350, HIS 351, HIS 460, HIS 461, HIS 463, HIS 464, HIS 465, HIS 466, HIS 467, HIS 572, HIS 573, HIS 574, HIS 575, HIS 576, HIS 577, HIS 578, HIS 579, HIS 580, HIS 581, HIS 582, HIS 584, HIS 585, HIS 586, HIS 596

**Linguistics:** LIN 317

**Music:** MUS 206, MUS 222, MUS 300, MUS 301, MUS 506

**Philosophy:** PHI 514

**Political Science:** PS 430G, PS 456G, PS 458, PS 461G, PS 463G, PS 465G, PS 470G, PS 475G, PS 479, PS 484G, PS 545

**Sociology:** SOC 340, SOC 534

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