

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 Indian Culture

This minor is designed to allow students to develop a more profound understanding of Indian culture. The curriculum is strongly interdisciplinary, encompassing courses in linguistics, anthropology, English, geography, mathematics, philosophy, political science, and sociology.

Students completing the minor will possess: (1) an ability to read Sanskrit (vital for comprehending Indian culture); (2) a well-rounded, multidisciplinary understanding of the culture and geography of India and of contemporary Indian society and politics; and (3) a high degree of preparedness to pursue careers in business or teaching that require knowledge of Indian society and its traditions.

The minor in Indian Culture requires **18 hours** of course work, as follows:

1. Sanskrit Language Courses (6 hours)

LIN 520 Sanskrit I	3
LIN 521 Sanskrit II	3

2. Twelve hours of courses on India from anthropology, English, geography, linguistics, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology, and independent studies in India. Students choose from the following courses:

ANT 327 Culture and Societies of India	3
GEO 330 Geography of the Indian Subcontinent	3
GEO 365 Special Topics in Regional Geography (Subtitle required) ...	3
GEO 565 Topics in Geography	3
LIN 395 Independent Work	3
MA 330 History of Mathematics	3
PHI 343 Asian Philosophy	3
PS 420G Governments and Politics of South Asia	3
SOC 380 Globalization: A Cross-Cultural Perspective	3

Students in the Indian Culture minor program will be encouraged to participate in a study program in India in the course of their undergraduate education.

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