

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 Media Arts and Studies

Any student wishing to minor in media arts and studies should file an application with the School of Journalism and Telecommunications after meeting the following requirements:

Complete either MAS 101 or MAS 201

Complete 45 hours of university course work with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.6

Students cannot register for upper-level media arts and studies courses until they have met the above requirements and have been accepted into the media arts and studies minor program. After a student has been accepted as a minor, he or she will be assigned a faculty advisor.

The minor in media arts and studies requires a minimum of 21 hours to include the following:

1. MAS 101 Introduction to Media and Culture 3
MAS 201 Communication Technologies and Society 3
2. Fifteen credits of additional course work with MAS prefix; six of the credits must be from among social-cultural media studies group of courses.

Note: Students should recognize that most upper-division media arts and studies courses have specific prerequisite courses that must be taken and plan their programs accordingly.