

## 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 Biological Sciences

A minimum of **21 semester hours** is required for the minor in biological sciences, to be distributed as follows:

#### Preminor Requirements

BIO 148 Introductory Biology I .....	3
BIO 152 Principles of Biology II .....	3
BIO 155 Laboratory for Introductory Biology I .....	1

#### Minor Requirements

BIO 303 Introduction to Evolution .....	4
BIO 304 Principles of Genetics .....	4

Approved 300+ level BIO courses or other courses from the approved list.  
Up to 3 hours of life science independent research course work can be counted here.

#### Approved list:

(*Note: BIO 208 and BIO 209 CANNOT be used to satisfy the upper-level elective requirement for the Minor in Biology.*)

**ANT** 332

**CHE** 226, 233, 440G, 441, 442G, 446G, 532, 533, 550, 552, 558, 565

**EES** 401G

**A&S** 300, 500 (*acceptable as upper-level credit **only** when offered by the Department of Biology*)

**PSY** 456, 459, 552, 565

**STA** 570, 580 (*Biology usually accepts only **one** of these courses for each student. Other STA courses may be accepted at the discretion of your advisor, and this may depend upon the area of biology in which you choose to specialize.*)

**ABT** 460

**ASC** 364, 378

**ENT** 310, 320, 402, 460, 561, 564, 568

**FOR** 340, 402

**FSC** 530

**NRE** 320, 420G, 450G, 455G

**PLS** 320, 330, 332, 366, 450G, 502, 566, 567

**PPA** 400G

**ANA** 511, 512, 516 (*some other anatomy courses at the 500-level are accepted, but are usually restricted to professional students*)

**BCH** 401G

**MI** 494G, 595, 598

**PGY** 412G, 560, 590 (*PGY 412G is acceptable as an elective for upper level biology credit but DOES NOT substitute for BIO 350 or BIO 430G*)

**TOX** 509

Other courses may be accepted at the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Biology.