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

Minor Electives
Approved BIO or other courses at the 200 level or above. Up to 3 hours of BIO 395, Research in Biology, may be counted here.