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 Geography

The minor in geography requires a minimum of 21 hours taken within the department. Students must complete courses as follows:

1. GEO 130 Earth’s Physical Environment ........................................ 3  
   GEO 172 Human Geography ...................................................... 3  
   and  
   GEO 152 Regional Geography of the World  
   or  
   GEO 160 Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World .......... 3

2. GEO 300 Geographic Research  
   or  
   GEO 305 Elements of Cartography  
   or  
   GEO 310 Quantitative Techniques in Geography ....................... 3

3. Nine additional hours at the 200 level or above.