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 Russian

The minor in Russian consists of a minimum of 18 hours beyond second-year proficiency in Russian language (RUS 202) distributed as follows:

1. 6 hours of Russian language courses at the 300 level or above
   and
2. 12 hours of additional course work in designated Russian area studies courses, of which at least 9 hours must be in RUS courses.

Note: RUS 395, Independent Work in Russian, may not be used for the minor.