Interdisciplinary Minor in the Arts

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.

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For Students outside the College

Any student whose major concentration is outside the College of Fine Arts may choose to minor in the arts, an academic program that cuts across disciplinary lines. This minor requires at least 24 hours of course work, arranged as follows:

Prerequisites (9 hours) Hours
ART 100 Introduction to Art ................................................................. 3
MUS 100 Introduction to Music ............................................................ 3

Note: When appropriate, upper level courses may be substituted with the approval of the student’s advisor and the Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Elected Courses (15 hours)

Of these 15 hours, students must take at least six hours in each of two different disciplines (art, music, or theatre).

Performance and/or Studio Experience

Students must have performance and/or studio experience within the college in at least one of the arts, whether or not for academic credit.

For Students within the College

Any student whose major emphasis lies within the College of Fine Arts may choose to minor in the arts by selecting at least 24 hours of course work in the College of Fine Arts (art, music, or theatre) outside the major. The minor must include at least nine hours of credit in each of the disciplines outside the major department or school. No more than six hours of course work used as “related work” for the major may be used toward the minor.