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 Gender and Women’s Studies

The minor in Gender and Women’s Studies requires 18 hours of course work to include:

- GWS 200 Sex and Power
  or
- GWS 201 Gender and Popular Culture ................................................... 3

- GWS 250 Social Movements
  or
- GWS 340 History of Feminist Thought to 1975 ....................................... 3
- GWS 350 Introduction to Feminist Theorizing ........................................ 3

Plus an additional 9 hours of electives to be selected with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies.

Courses used for the Gender and Women’s Studies topical major, minor or graduate certificate must be taught by a Gender and Women’s Studies Affiliated Faculty.