

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 International Studies

A minor in International Studies requires **18 credit hours**, 12 of which must be at the 300 level or above. Nine of the 18 credit hours should be in either a single thematic or single area concentration. No more than nine credit hours from any other major can apply to the minor. All 18 credit hours must be in approved International Studies courses.