

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 Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The minor in Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures requires a minimum of 18 hours of course work. Students choose one of nine options (fields of concentration) from: Chinese Studies, Classics, Folklore and Mythology, French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Islamic Studies, Italian, Japan Studies and Russian Studies.

MCL / Chinese Studies

Core Requirements

All students must complete a minimum 6 credits from among the following courses:

CHI 301 Advanced Intermediate Chinese I	3
CHI 302 Advanced Intermediate Chinese II	3
CHI 330 Introduction to Chinese Culture, Pre-Modern to 1840	3
CHI 331 Introduction to Chinese Culture, 1840 to Present	3
Total Core hours	6

Elective Requirements

In addition, students must take at least 12 additional credits from the following for a total of 18 credits. (Please note that courses on the core course list above NOT used to satisfy the Core Requirements may be used to satisfy the Elective Requirements.):

CHI 310 Sounds of East Asian Languages	3
CHI 320 Gender Politics in Chinese Literature	3
CHI 321 Introduction to Contemporary Chinese Film	3
CHI 322 Self and Society in Chinese Culture	3
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	

other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
Total Elective hours	12

MCL / Classics

Core Requirements

The requirements for a Classics minor are 18 credit hours, at least 6 of which must be at the 300 level or above, earned from among the following courses:

1. Greek and Latin courses at any level
2. Non-language CLA courses at the 200 level or higher

All courses may be chosen from category 1, all from category 2, or the two categories may be combined in any manner, as long as students earn the requisite 18 credit hours. MCL 100, MCL 200, MCL 375 and MCL 376 may count toward the MCL/Classics minor.

MCL / Folklore and Mythology

Core Requirements

MCL 270 Introduction to Folklore and Mythology	3
CLA 135 Greek and Roman Mythology	3
or	
CLA 100 Ancient Stories in Modern Films	3
GER 103 Fairy Tales in European Context	3
Total Core hours	9

Students in this minor must also satisfy the current A&S Language Requirement, regardless of their college. The minor is not restricted to A&S majors.

Elective Requirements

Choose an additional 6 hours from the following courses:

CLA 331 Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity	3
CLA 382 Greek and Roman Religion	3

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FR 263 African and Caribbean Literature and Culture of French Expression in Translation (Subtitle required)	3
GER 363 Germanic Mythology	3
RUS 370 Russian Folklore (in English)	3
MCL 595 Topics in Folklore and Myth (Subtitle required)	3

Choose 3 additional hours in elective courses (chosen from the MCL courses above not taken for the elective requirement) or from other courses approved by the advisor or from the following:

CLA 462G Topics in Classical Literature (Subtitle required)	3
GER 263 The German Cultural Tradition I	3
*GER 312 Introduction to German Literature: Popular Forms	3
AAS 200 Introduction to African-American Studies	3
AAS 254 History of Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa	3
ANT 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 241 Origins of Old World Civilization	3
ANT 242 Origins of New World Civilization	3
ANT 245 Food Culture and Society	3
ANT 301 History of Anthropological Theory	3
ANT 401 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
ANT 450 Symbols and Culture	3
ANT 470G Regional American Ethnography	3
APP 200 Introduction to Appalachian Studies	3
*APP 300 Topics in Appalachian Studies (Subtitle required)	3
ENG 271 The Bible as Literature	3
*ENG 492G Cultural Studies (Subtitle required)	3
ENG 519 Introduction to Old English	3
HIS 521 European Social History, 1400-1800	3
HIS 536 Intellectual and Cultural History of Russia to 1800	3
LAS 201 Introduction to Latin America	3
*LIN 317 Language and Society (Subtitle required)	3
MAT 247 Dress and Culture	3
MUS 300 History of Jazz	3
MUS 301 Appalachian Music	3
*SOC 350 Topics in Sociology (Subtitle required)	3
GWS 200 Sex and Power	3
GWS 201 Gender and Popular Culture	3
*GWS 300 Topics in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required)	3
*GWS 301 Crossroads (Subtitle required)	3
*GWS 302 Gender Across the World (Subtitle required)	3
Total Elective hours	9

* Approved for the minor when the topic of the course is appropriate as determined by the minor advisor.

MCL / French and Francophone Studies

Core Requirements

FR 204 Introduction to French and Francophone Studies	3
FR 214 France Today	3
or	
FR 215 Visual Cultures	3
Total Core hours	6

Elective Requirements

Choose 12 hours from:

FR courses 300+ level, excluding FR 553 and courses taught in English.	
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	
other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
Total Elective hours	12

MCL / German Studies

Core Requirements

GER 307 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation I	3
GER 308 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation II	3
Total Core hours	6

Elective Requirements

Choose 12 hours from:

GER courses at the 300 level or above	
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	
other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
Total Elective hours	12

MCL / Islamic Studies

Core Requirements

AIS 228 Islamic Civilization	3
AIS 330 Islamic Civilization II	3
Total Core hours	6

Elective Requirements

An additional 12 credit hours from among the following:

AIS 101 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	4
AIS 102 Elementary Modern Standard Arabic	4
AIS 201 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	3
AIS 202 Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic	3
AIS 228 Islamic Civilization	3
AIS 301 Colloquial Arabic I	3
AIS 302 Colloquial Arabic II	3
AIS 320 Modern Arabic Literature and Film in Translation	3

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AIS 330 Islamic Civilization II	3
AIS 331 Classical Arabic Literature (in English)	3
AIS 338 Women and Islam	3
AIS 340 Fundamentalism and Reform in Islam	3
AIS 345 Islamic Mysticism	3
AIS 410 Theology and Law in Islam	3
AIS 430 Islam in America	3
AIS 435 Topics in Islamic Studies (Subtitle required)	3
AIS 440 Introduction to the Quran	3
AIS 442 Arabic Reading I	3
AIS 443 Arabic Reading II	3
ANT 222 Middle East Cultures	3
ANT 331 Anthropology of North Africa	3
GEO 328 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	3
HIS 549 History of the Middle East: 1952 to the Present	3
HIS 550 Studies in Mid-East History and Politics (Subtitle required)	3
PS 410 Topics in Regional Politics (Subtitle required)	3
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	
other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director	
of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
Other courses in the area may be elected with the approval of the director of	
the Islamic Studies Program	
Total Elective hours	12

MCL / Italian

Core Requirements

ITA 201 Intermediate Italian	3
ITA 202 Intermediate Italian	3
Total Core hours:	6

Elective Requirements

In addition student must complete 12 hours from the following courses:

ITA 263 Studies in Italian Culture (Subtitle required)	3
ITA 300 Italian Conversation and Writing	3
ITA 301 Italy from Fascism to the Present	3
ITA 395 Independent Studies in Italian	3
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	
other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director	
of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
A-H 105 World Art Before 1400	3

A-H 106 Renaissance to Modern Art	3
A-H 314/CLA 314 Ancient (Subtitle required)	3
A-H 334 Reframing Renaissance Art	3
A-H 335 Early Modern Art and Visual Culture,	
1400-1700 (Subtitle required)	3
CLA 100 Ancient Stories in Modern Films	3
CLA 135 Greek and Roman Mythology	3
CLA 191 Christianity, Culture, and Society:	
A Historical Introduction	3
CLA 210 The Art of Greece and Rome	3
CLA/HIS 230 The Hellenistic World and Rome	
to the Death of Constantine	3
CLA/HIS 391 Christians in the Roman Empire	3
CLA/HIS 509 Roman Law	3
HIS 120 The World at War, 1939-45	3
HIS 121 War and Society, 1914-1945	3
HIS 502 A History of the Roman Republic	3
HIS 503 A History of the Roman Empire	3
HIS 519 The Era of the Renaissance	3
Total Elective hours	12

MCL / Japan Studies

Core Requirements

3 credit hours of Japanese language courses at the 300 level

6 hours of core cultural studies courses as follows:

JPN 320 Introduction to Japanese Culture, Pre-Modern to 1868	3
and either	
JPN/ANT 321 Introduction to Japanese Culture,	
Meiji (1868) to Present	3
or	
JPN 351 The Japanese Experience of the Twentieth Century	3
Total Core hours	9

Elective Requirements

In addition student must complete 9 hours from the following courses:

JPN 283 Japanese Film	3
JPN 400G Topics in Japan Studies (Subtitle required)	3
JPN 405 Seminar in Japanese and Asian Studies (Subtitle required)	3
JPN 420G Pre-Modern Literary and Visual Arts of Japan	3
JPN 421G Contemporary Literary and Visual Arts of Japan	3
JPN 520 Japanese Linguistics and Society	3
MCL 324 The City in the Twentieth-Century:	
Tokyo, Shanghai, Paris	3
A-H 310 Asian Art and Culture (Subtitle required)	3
A-H 311 The Arts as Soft Power: The Japanese Tea Ceremony	3
HIS 295 East Asia to 1800	3
HIS 296 East Asia Since 1600	3
HIS 357 Japan at War, 1850 to the Present	3

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GEO/JPN 334 Environment, Society and Economy of Japan	3
GEO/JPN 491 Japanese Landscapes	3
GEO/JPN 551 Japanese Multicultural Corporations	3
MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Global Literacy	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	
or	
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	
or	
other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director	
of Undergraduate Studies	1-3
Total Elective hours	9

MCL / Russian Studies

Core Requirements

6 hours of Russian language courses at the 300 level or above

Total Core hours 6

Elective Requirements

12 hours of additional course work taken from the following:

Russian Studies (RUS) courses

MCL 100 The World of Language

MCL 200 Global Literacy

MCL 375 Language Study Abroad

or

MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad

or

other Study Abroad courses approved by the Director

 of Undergraduate Studies

At least 9 of the 12 credit hours must be in RUS or in Study Abroad courses

Total Elective hours 12

Total Hours Required: 18