

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 Media Arts and Studies

Any student wishing to minor in media arts and studies should file an application with the School of Journalism and Media after meeting the following requirements:

Complete either MAS 101 or MAS 201

Complete 45 hours of university course work with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0

Students cannot register for upper-level media arts and studies courses until they have met the above requirements and have been accepted into the media arts and studies minor program. After a student has been accepted as a minor, he or she will be assigned a faculty advisor.

The minor in Media Arts and Studies requires a minimum of 18 hours course work to include:

1. MAS 101 Introduction to Media and Culture
or
MAS 201 Communication Technologies and Society 3
2. 3 credits from social-cultural media studies group of courses: MAS 319, MAS 323, MAS 420, MAS 505, MAS 520, MAS 530, MAS 540, MAS 555, MAS 560, MAS 590.
3. 3 credits from media industry group of courses: MAS 335, MAS 355, MAS 425, MAS 435, MAS 482, MAS 490, MAS 535.
4. 9 additional credits from upper-division MAS courses: MAS 300, MAS 310, MAS 312, MAS 319, MAS 322, MAS 323, MAS 335, MAS 355, MAS 390, MAS 403, MAS 412, MAS 420, MAS 422, MAS 425, MAS 432, MAS 435, MAS 482, MAS 490, MAS 505, MAS 520, MAS 530, MAS 535, MAS 540, MAS 555, MAS 560, MAS 590.

Note: Students should recognize that most upper-division media arts and studies courses have specific prerequisite courses that must be taken and plan their programs accordingly.