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 Statistics

The minor in statistics is aimed specifically at social and life science students, as well as students in the traditional mathematical sciences. A minimum of 15 hours of course work is required to complete the minor, as follows:

Complete one of the following:
STA 296 Statistical Methods and Motivations
STA 321 Basic Statistical Theory I
STA 525 Introductory Statistical Inference

Complete one of the following:
STA 281 Probability and Statistics Using Interactive Computer Techniques
STA 320 Introductory Probability
STA 524 Probability

plus:
STA 570 Basic Statistical Analysis

Complete one additional STA course approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies

Complete one course from the student’s area approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies

Total Hours

15-17