

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 History

A minor in History provides training in critical thinking and expression and a valuable perspective on the varieties of civilizations and modes of human behavior, complementing coursework in numerous other disciplines, including the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural and applied sciences. The minor requires a minimum of **18 hours**, to be distributed as follows:

1. A six-hour sequential introduction to the history of a civilization or a nation. This may be selected from:

HIS 104 A History of Europe Through the Mid-Seventeenth Century
 HIS 105 A History of Europe From the Mid-Seventeenth Century
 to the Present.....6

HIS 106 Western Culture: Science and Technology I
 HIS 107 Western Culture: Science and Technology II6

HIS 108 History of the United States Through 1876
 HIS 109 History of the United States Since 1877.....6

HIS 202 History of the British People to the Restoration
 HIS 203 History of the British People Since the Restoration6

HIS 229 The Ancient Near East and Greece
 to the Death of Alexander the Great
 HIS 230 The Hellenistic World and Rome
 to the Death of Constantine.....6

HIS 295 East Asia to 1600
 HIS 296 East Asia Since 16006

HIS 370 Early Middle Ages
 HIS 371 Later Middle Ages6

HIS 385 History of Russia to 1825
 HIS 386 History of Russia Since 18256

2. Twelve hours of course work at or above the 300 level, at least six hours of which must be at or above the 400 level. No more than 12 of the 18 hours required may be in any one of the subfields of American history, European history, or history of the non-Western world.