Academic Minor

An academic minor is an optional, secondary program of study offered by a department or interdisciplinary program for degree seeking students. Academic minors are designed to provide a degree of content mastery in an area of academic specialization that will complement the student’s academic major. Minors must be pursued in conjunction with an approved major degree program, a minor may not be completed by itself. All undergraduate minors shall consist of a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 21 semester hours, of which a minimum of nine semester hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Academic minors should have a foundational component, which covers the required body of knowledge and a breadth component that allows for some specialization. Each component will have a minimum of three semester hours. If prerequisite courses are required to pursue the course work within an academic minor, the total required coursework, including pre-requisites, should not exceed 30 credit hours. Coursework required for a minor cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis and students must achieve a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for all coursework in the minor to be awarded the minor. Courses in the minor may overlap with the major or other minors, but there must be at least 6 semester hours of coursework that is unique to the minor. Minors are awarded at the same time the bachelor’s degree is awarded.

Minors are initiated and administered by a home unit; the unit that provides the majority of the required coursework needed to complete the minor. However, all units providing required or elective coursework within the minor will be included in the approval process for changes to existing minors or requesting new minors. Acceptance into the minor and approval of any exceptions to the stated requirements of the minor will be approved by the home unit.