

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.

Students must complete a total of **18 credit hours** in HIS prefix course work for the minor in history. Of those 18 credit hours 6 credit hours must be at the 100-level or above, 3 credit hours must be at the 200-level or above, and 9 credit hours must be at the 300-level or above.

Course work used to satisfy the region requirement may also be used to satisfy the historical era requirement.

Regions

Students must take one course from each region listed below.

- United States history
- European history
- Asian or African or Middle Eastern or Latin American history

Historical Eras

Students must take one course from one of the historical eras listed below.

- The period before 1789
- The period after 1789

Students must choose additional HIS prefix course work to lead to the minimum of 18 credit hours required for the minor in History.