

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 Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The minor in Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures requires a minimum of 18 hours of course work. Students choose one of nine options (fields of concentration) from: Arabic and Islamic Studies, Chinese Studies, Classics, Folklore and Mythology, French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Italian Studies, Japan Studies, and Russian Studies.

Within all options of the MCL minor repeatable courses may be applied up to the maximum number of credit hours allowed for the course. Additional iterations of courses listed under the core requirements may be applied under track electives. The following MCL courses may be applied as elective hours to **all** MCL minor options.

MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Reading the World	3
MCL 375 Language Study Abroad	1-3
MCL 376 Cultural Studies Abroad	1-3
MCL 591 Language Practice Laboratory (Subtitle required)	1-6
MCL 592 Research Practicum (Subtitle required)	1-9
MCL 593 Internship	1-12
MCL 595 Topics in Folklore and Myth (Subtitle required)	3-6
MCL 596 Topics in Culture (Subtitle required)	3-6
MCL 597 Topics in Comparative Literary Studies (Subtitle required)	3-6

MCL / Arabic and Islamic Studies

Core Requirements

Arabic language course at the 300 level	3
AIS 228 Islamic Civilization	3
AIS 330 Islamic Civilization II	3

Total Core hours: **9**

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 9 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below.

AIS 300+	
ANT 222 Middle East Cultures	3
ANT 331 Anthropology of North Africa	3
GEO 328 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	3
HIS 549 History of the Middle East: 1952 to the Present	3
HIS 550 Studies in Mid-East History and Politics (Subtitle required)	3-6
PS 410 Topics in Regional Politics (Subtitle required)	3-9

Total Elective hours: **9**

MCL / Chinese Studies

Core Requirements

Students must complete 6 hours from among the following courses:

CHI 301 Advanced Intermediate Chinese I	3
CHI 302 Advanced Intermediate Chinese II	3
CHI 330 Introduction to Chinese Culture, Pre-Modern to 1840	3
CHI 331 Introduction to Chinese Culture, 1840 to Present	3

Total Core hours: **6**

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 12 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below.

CHI 300+	
*HIS 355 Topics in Non-Western History Since 1789 (Subtitle required)	3
HIS 597 Westerners in East Asia, 1839 to the Present	3
HIS 598 China in Revolution, 1895-1976	3

Total Elective hours: **12**

**Approved for the minor when the topic of the course is appropriate as determined by the minor advisor.*

MCL / Classics

Core Requirements

The requirements for a Classics minor are 18 credit hours, at least 6 of which must be at the 300 level or above, earned from among the following courses:

1. Greek and Latin courses at any level
2. Non-language CLA courses at the 200 level or higher

All courses may be chosen from category 1, all from category 2, or the two categories may be combined in any manner, as long as students earn the requisite 18 credit hours. Elective courses approved for all tracks also count towards the Classics minor.

MCL / Folklore and Mythology

Core Requirements

MCL 270 Introduction to Folklore and Mythology	3
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CLA 135 Greek and Roman Mythology

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CLA 100 Ancient Stories in Modern Films	3
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GER 103 Fairy Tales in European Context	3
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Total Core hours: **9**

Students in this minor must also satisfy the current A&S Language Requirement, regardless of their college. The minor is not restricted to A&S majors.

Elective Requirements

Students choose an additional 6 hours from the following courses:

CLA 331 Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity	3
CLA 382 Greek and Roman Religion.....	3
FR 263 African and Caribbean Literature and Culture of French Expression in Translation	3
GER 363 Germanic Mythology	3
MCL 135 Vampires: Evolution of a Sexy Monster.....	3
MCL 595 Special Topics in Folklore and Myth.....	3
RUS 370 Russian Folklore.....	3
CHI 320 Gender Politics in Chinese Literature	3
CHI 334 Traditional Chinese Medicine.....	3
CHI 430 Popular Culture in Modern China.....	3
HJS 110 Hebrew Bible.....	3
HJS 326 The Jewish Experience in America	3
HJS 327 Women in Judaism	3
MCL 343 Global Horror	3

Additional Electives

Choose 3 hours either from courses not already taken among those listed in Elective Requirements above, or other courses approved by the minor advisor, or from the following:

MCL 100 The World of Language	3
MCL 200 Reading the World.....	3
AAS 100 Introduction to African Studies.....	3
CLA 314/A-H 314 Ancient (Subtitle Required)	3

MCL 375 and MCL 376 may also count toward the Folklore/Mythology minor.

Total Elective hours **9**

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MCL / French and Francophone Studies

Core Requirements

FR 204 Introduction to French and Francophone Studies	3
FR 214 France Today or FR 215 Visual Cultures.....	3
Total Core hours:	6

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 12 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below:

FR 300+ (excluding FR 335, FR 465G, and FR 553)

Total Elective hours:..... **12**

MCL / German Studies

Core Requirements

GER 307 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation I	3
GER 308 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation II.....	3
Total Core hours:	6

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 12 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below:

GER 300+ MCL 343 Global Horror	3
GER 206 Spoken Communication.....	3

Total Elective hours: **12**

MCL / Italian Studies

Core Requirements

ITA 300 Italian Conversation and Writing.....	3
ITA 301 Italy from Fascism to the Present	3
Total Core hours:	6

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 12 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below:

ITA 200+ A-H 105 World Art Before 1400.....	3
A-H 106 Renaissance to Modern Art.....	3
A-H 314/CLA 314 Ancient (Subtitle required).....	3
A-H 334 Reframing Renaissance Art	3
A-H 335 Early Modern Art and Visual Culture, 1400-1700 (Subtitle required).....	3
CLA 100 Ancient Stories in Modern Films	3
CLA 135 Greek and Roman Mythology	3
CLA 191 Christianity, Culture, and Society: A Historical Introduction	3
CLA 210 The Art of Greece and Rome.....	3
CLA/HIS 230 The Hellenistic World and Rome to the Death of Constantine.....	3
CLA/HIS 391 Christians in the Roman Empire	3
CLA/HIS 509 Roman Law	3
HIS 120 The World at War, 1939-45.....	3
HIS 121 War and Society, 1914-1945	3
HIS 502 A History of the Roman Republic	3
HIS 503 A History of the Roman Empire	3
HIS 519 The Era of the Renaissance	3

Total Elective hours: **12**

MCL / Japan Studies

Core Requirements

JPN 301 Advanced Japanese I	3
JPN 320 Introduction to Japanese Culture, Pre-Modern to 1868	3
JPN/ANT 321 Introduction to Japanese Culture, Meiji (1868) to Present or JPN 351 The Japanese Experience of the Twentieth Century.....	3
Total Core hours:	9

Elective Requirements

Students must choose an additional 9 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below:

JPN 300+ JPN 283 Japanese Film	3
A-H 310 Asian Art and Culture (Subtitle required).....	3
A-H 311 The Arts as Soft Power: The Japanese Tea Ceremony.....	3
JPN 334 Environment, Society and Economy of Japan	3
HIS 295 East Asia to 1600	3
HIS 296 East Asia Since 1600	3
HIS 357 Japan at War, 1850 to the Present.....	3

Total Elective hours:..... **9**

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MCL / Russian Studies**Core Requirements**

RUS 301 Conversation and Composition I.....3

RUS 302 Advanced Intermediate Russian II3

Total Core hours: 6**Elective Requirements**

Students must choose an additional 12 hours from the list of elective courses approved for all tracks and/or those courses listed below:

RUS 300+

RUS 275 Russian Film.....3

ANT 329 Cultures and Societies of Eurasia and Eastern

Europe: Socialism and Post-Socialist Change.....3

HIS 385 History of Russia to 18253

HIS 386 History of Russia Since 18253

HIS 534 Russia in the 19th Century3

HIS 535 Russia in the 20th Century3

Total Elective hours: 12**Total Hours Required:** 18