

Academic Minors, Definition of,
CAS

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A. PURPOSE

To define the University meaning of academic minor and the procedure for minor declaration.

B. POLICY

1. Statement:

An academic minor represents a mixture of instructional offerings which enables a student to develop some degree of expertise in one area of study. A minor is distinguished from a concentration in two ways: (1) a minor is not interdisciplinary, and (2) to earn a minor, a student must be enrolled in a degree program.

- a. Minors should be offered only by academic departments and must include provisions for departmental advising of students taking minors.
- b. Minors should consist of a minimum of six courses.
- c. At least two of the required courses should be at the "300" or "400" level: no more than two courses may be at the "100" level.
- d. Policies on transfer credits, P/F options, and GPA should be consistent with those of the major.

C. PROCEDURE

Students wishing to file for a minor should seek the advice of the sponsoring department. Once approved by the department, the information should then be recorded with the Office of Registration and Records. Please note, a minor is recorded on the transcript.

D. SOURCE

Committee on Majors, Honors, and Special Programs
CAS Senate
CAS Dean's Office