

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 Journalism Studies

A minimum of 18 semester hours is required for the minor in journalism studies, to be distributed as follows:

Minor Prerequisites

JOU 101 Introduction to Journalism	3
JOU 204 Writing for the Mass Media	3

Minor Requirements

JOU 455 Mass Media and Diversity (Subtitle required)	3
JOU 531 Media Law	3

Minor Electives

Select from the following for a total of 6 credits:

*JOU 415 Design and Layout (Subtitle required)	1
JOU 497 Special Topics in Journalism (Subtitle required)	3
JOU 532 Ethics of Journalism and Mass Communication	3
JOU 535 History of Journalism	3
JOU 541 The First Amendment, Internet, and Society	3

**May be repeated to a maximum of 3 credits under different subtitles.*