

The Minor in English



The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences has recently authorized its departments to offer Minor programs of study. Minors are officially-recognized clusters of coursework elected in a department other than one's Major department.

The minor provides official transcript recognition of a supplementary scholarly interest, a pattern of courses pursued in addition to the structured program of your major.

Minors serve several purposes: for many students they impose some useful structure upon the task of choosing elective courses in a favorite subject. For others, they ensure that the transcript will announce a mature diversity of academic pursuits. Some students feel that a minor field will signal something to prospective employers about their skills and interests. Others just end up majoring in a field that isn't their first love, and the minor helps ease the discomfort of such a choice. After all, hundreds of students who are not English majors routinely take English courses each semester. Indeed, most of our 2000-level or above courses are open to any university student who has passed freshman English.

By electing the English minor you can give shape and substance to such an interest in literature or writing. Our minor program has been designed to ensure some historical coverage of both English and American literature; beyond that, the choice of courses is up to you.

Students wishing to complete this minor must take at least 15 credits (earning a grade of C or better) of English courses at the 2000-level or above selected as follows:

1. At least one of ENGL 2100 (or English Honors 3805W or 3807W) and ENGL 2101 (or English Honors 3809W or 3811W);
2. At Least one of ENGL 2201/W (or English Honors 3801W) and 2203/W (or Honors 3803W); and
3. Any three other English courses at the 2000-level or above, with the following exceptions: 3010W, 3091, 3111-3119, 3693, and 3800.

You can secure a sample plan of study, and raise questions, in the English Undergraduate Advisory Office, CLAS 209. Ask for Rose in that office (486-2322) for more information.