Minors at the University of Georgia

The intent of establishing minor fields of study is to offer students the opportunity to broaden their education through the minor field. The selection of a minor field of study should be made to fulfill this goal.

Important Information:

- A minor must contain 15 to 18 semester hours of course work, with at least 9 hours of upper division course work, in a field of study other than the student’s major.
- Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
- Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.
- If a course satisfies a major requirement, it cannot also be used to satisfy course requirements for a minor.
- A student may have more than one minor.
- The completed minor will be recorded on the student’s permanent transcript, but not on the diploma.

To Add a Minor:

1) Log in to Athena (https://athena.uga.edu).
2) Under the Student tab, click the My Programs menu item.
3) In My Programs, click the Add Minor button.
4) Select the minor that you wish to add.
5) Confirm your selection.

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African Studies  
Agribusiness and Management  
Agricultural and Applied Economics  
Animal Science  
Anthropology  
Applied Biotechnology  
Arabic  
Art/Art History  
Asian Languages and Literatures  
Avian Biology  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Biography  
Cellular Biology  
Chemistry  
Chinese Language & Literature  
Classical Culture  
Cognitive Science  
Communication Studies  
Comparative Literature  
Computer Science  
Consumer Economics  
Consumer Foods  
Crop Science  
Dairy Science  
Dance  
Ecology  
English  
Entomology  
Environmental Economics & Management  
Environmental Law  
Environmental Health Science  
Environmental Soil Science  
Exercise & Sport Science  
Fashion Merchandising  
Film Studies  
Food and Fiber Marketing  
Food Science  
French  
French Studies  
Genetics  
Geography  
Geology  
German  
Global Health  
Greek  
History  
Horticulture  
Housing Management & Policy  
Human Services  
Human Development & Family Science  
Italian  
Japanese Language & Literature  
Jazz Music  
Korean Language & Literature  
Latin  
Latin American & Caribbean Studies  
Leadership in Student Affairs  
Linguistics  
Mathematics  
Microbiology  
Military Science  
Music  
Nutrition Science  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Physics and Astronomy  
Plant Biology  
Plant Pathology  
Political Science  
Portuguese  
Poultry Science  
Public Health  
Religion  
Resource Economics  
Russian  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Sport Management  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)  
Transnational European Studies  
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Turfgrass Management  
Women’s Studies

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### African American Studies
The Institute for African American Studies provides a central focus for study of the impact of African American contributions upon human culture. Students may choose courses across the three areas of African American Studies, which include: History and Culture; Behavioral and Social Inquiry; and Languages, Literatures, and the Arts.

### African Languages & Literature
Students are required to study an African language (Amharic, Arabic, Manding, Swahili or Yoruba) through the intermediate level in addition to completing additional African literature courses and electives.

### African Studies
The diversity of the continent is highlighted in every aspect of life: the people, the languages, the vegetation, the political traditions, the economic practices, the belief systems, world views and so on. The Minor in African Studies will provide the students an understanding of this unique and diverse continent. This will not only heighten the students’ sensitivity to the changing nature of the World but it will also improve their comprehension of globalization and interrelationships of all human history and culture. A Minor in African Studies, through its curriculum, will enhance students’ abilities, options, and opportunities as they enter the global market place.

### Anthropology
Anthropology is the study of the origin, development and behavior of humankind. Student’s gain anthropological knowledge of human cultural behavior and human-environment interaction. This broad understanding of culture behavior and human interaction provides for preparation for work in all sectors of the economy.

### Art/Art History
The objective of a concentration in Art History is the development of a basic knowledge of the history of art within the broader context of social, intellectual and cultural history.

### Cognitive Science
Cognitive science is an emerging new science of mind and intelligent processes involving humans, animals, computers, and the abstract. The field spans a wide variety of standard disciplines including psychology, computer science, anthropology, linguistics, biology, and education and includes courses in artificial intelligence, psychological foundations, language and cultural foundations, and philosophical foundations.

### Communication Studies
Communication Studies is a branch of liberal arts that seeks to develop skills in individual oral and written expression, critical thinking, group discussion, problem solving, and conceptualizing functions of communication. Students receive instruction in interpersonal and public communication, as well as acquire understanding of both theory and application.

### Environmental Health Science
Environmental Health Science is the study of the biological, chemical and physical agents occurring naturally or introduced into the environment and their effects on our health and well-being. It includes a study of human activities, a vital component in our complex ecosystem. It serves the general welfare by safeguarding and improving the quality of food, shelter, air, water and other natural resources.

### Geography
The Geography program is designed to expose students to the areas of human, regional, and physical geography. In addition to studying landmasses, Geography focuses on climate, and, sea, air, plant, mineral resources, population density, environmental changes, and how people adapt to these things. Students trained in geography bring increased awareness of global issues, sensitivity to cultural differences, and an understanding of the complexity of environmental issues on life.

### Global Health
The global health minor will provide students with a better understanding of the concept of "global health" and how by its nature, holds significant health implications for all individuals. This minor aims to: 1) Increase students’ understanding of the global character of health problems; 2) Demonstrate the need for a multidisciplinary approach to solving global health problems; and 3) Develop knowledge that will assist in advocacy for the promotion of the solution of global health problems.

### History
History is the study and research of major social, economic, political and cultural events of the past. The history student meets an important need for the business world by providing the ability to analyze and write effectively, and by developing a sense of balanced judgment.

### Human Services
The field of Human Services uniquely approaches the objective of meting human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base, focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems, and maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life of service population. The Human Services minor exposes students to the work of a wide variety of human service agencies and will cultivate the skills and perspectives necessary to be effective in those settings.

### Human Development & Family Science
A minor in Human Development and Family Science provides students with knowledge of key concepts underlying individual and family development across the life cycle. It provides students with core knowledge and orients them to issues concerning the development and functioning of individuals and families throughout the life cycle; infancy, childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age and aging.

### Leadership in Student Affairs
The Leadership in Student Affairs minor helps prepare students to serve as leaders in higher education through courses in student affairs, program development and assessment, and working with college students.

### Linguistics
Linguistics investigates the systematic structural properties of languages to determine similarities and differences among languages. Linguistics also investigates the sociological pressures on language use and the ways in which these pressures are reflected in language variation and change. Moreover, linguistics examines the psychological processes by which languages are learned and the way mature language users produce and interpret linguistic expressions.
**Music**

This program is intended for students who possess a background in music and wish to continue their study while majoring in another discipline. The music minor requires music courses in the areas of performance, music theory, and music history. Music minors are encouraged to study privately for two semesters.

**Nutrition Science**

The program of study in Nutrition Science is designed for students who are interested in training for careers in health-related fields and who wish to understand the basis for nutrient functions and human nutrient requirements. Nutrition Science is an integrative discipline that requires specialized training in the roles of nutrients in supporting functions of the body and all its parts, from the whole person to the organ systems and their constituent cells.

**Philosophy**

Philosophy is a program that seeks to understand the nature of human beings through analyzing, interpreting, and logically explaining what human beings believe, value, and do. It involves the systematic study of the truths or principles underlying basic issues such as the nature of reality, knowledge, value, and obligation. Students of philosophy acquire skills of critical thinking, learn to discover and evaluate basic assumptions, are trained in accurate analysis of concepts and ideas, and can easily construct logical and reliable arguments.

**Political Science**

Political science studies governments around the world by concentrating on how a government’s structure and function affect social order. Students who study political science gain a solid awareness in the diversity of government around the globe and the various political theories, parties, and interest groups that correspond with these systems. In addition, students develop an understanding of international relations, public laws, public administration, personal rights and freedoms, justice, and political authority. Political science helps students develop their analytical of individuals, families, communities, and populations, locally and globally.

**Public Health**

Public health protects and improves the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations, locally and globally. Through this minor, students are introduced to a wide range of issues in areas of public health, such as biostatistics, epidemiology, health policy, health promotion, and environmental health.

**Religion**

The study of religion is a meditation on cultural difference. This multi-cultural scope is not unique to the study of religion, but it is one of the paramount values that the study of religion offers the liberal arts student in an increasingly cosmopolitan world. Our sources, the objects of our study, elude neat categorization. They challenge our own ways of life, and often pose severe tests of self-examination. Some of them represent traditions of learning as rigorous as ours and far more ancient.

**Sociology**

Sociology is the study of human behavior and interaction in the context of culture and society. Sociology studies the social institutions formed by mankind to determine the influence these institutions have upon individual and groups. There are many specialties in sociology that include marriage and family, community, gerontology, criminology, rural and urban studies, juvenile delinquency, and social and political organizations.

**Spanish**

Students minoring in Spanish take courses that combine the study of literature, language, culture, and linguistics, which will lead to a development of language proficiency and an understanding of the Spanish-speaking world. Proficiency in a foreign language also helps students with this major find employment in the public and private sectors. Having a greater sense of the Spanish culture, students are prepared for professions in government, politics, international relations, business, banking, trade, travel, or a host of other professions.

**Statistics**

Statistics has been described as the science of learning from data: everything from planning for the collection of data and data management, to end-product activities such as drawing conclusions from data and presentation of results. Statistics includes the scientific application of mathematical principles to the collection, analysis, and presentation of data. Statisticians contribute to the design of surveys and experiments; collection, processing, and analysis of data; and interpretation of the results.

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)**

Housed in the TESOL and World Language Education program, the minor provides you with the latest research and theory on language learning and teaching as well as opportunities for practical hands-on teaching practice. Students learn about the complexity of issues related to language acquisition and development, communication among people from diverse backgrounds, language and education policies nationally and internationally, instruction of language minority students, and the relationship between language pedagogy and social justice.

**Transnational European Studies**

Through the completion of this program, undergraduate students will gain historical, cultural, political, and linguistic knowledge of Europe. This minor encourages students to think both broadly and critically as they develop language skills and intercultural competency, exploring European cultures in their diversity and history.

**Women’s Studies**

Majoring in women’s studies can enhance a student’s career preparation by increasing the understanding of social diversity, giving students an international and interdisciplinary perspective, equipping students with critical and analytical skills, and providing a background and understanding of women and the role they play in the public and private sectors.

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African Studies
The certificate program in African Studies is designed for the student who wishes to learn about Africa generally, and to focus on a specific sociocultural aspect of the region (e.g., language, religion, or literature). The certificate provides students an understanding of this unique and diverse continent. This will not only heighten the students' sensitivity to the changing nature of the World but it will also improve their comprehension of globalization and interrelationships of all human history and culture.

African American Studies
The Institute for African American Studies provides a central focus for study of the impact of African American contributions upon human culture. The Institute is dedicated to creative research on the achievements of African Americans and to stimulating instruction for a diverse community of thinkers. In addition, the Institute serves as a cultural repository and resource for the citizenry of Georgia.

Asian Studies
This undergraduate certificate program is comparative and interdisciplinary and is designed for students who wish to specialize or gain expertise in Asian Studies. It draws curriculum from a wide range of disciplines, including anthropology, international studies, languages, linguistics, comparative literature, history, and religion.

Disability Studies
The Disabilities Studies Certificate is designed for students in all majors who want to learn more about diversity issues associated with disability. With 54 million children and adults with disabilities in the U.S., it is critical that future professionals in all fields understand disability issues. This program presents disability from a civil rights perspective, with a focus on the Disability Rights Movement and current trends in legislation, policy, and practice.

Entrepreneurship
The campus-wide certificate program will educate students to become successful entrepreneurs in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. The certificate is targeted to any student who is interested in creating or growing a business or in becoming a social entrepreneur.

Global Health
The undergraduate certificate in global health will provide students with a better understanding of how global health, holds significant implications for all individuals. Educational objectives of the global health certificate is to: 1) Increase students' understanding of the global character of health problems; 2) Demonstrate the need for a multidisciplinary approach to solving global health problems; 3) Develop skills that enable efforts to address global health problems; 4) Allow students to practice what they've learned in the classroom out in the field, working abroad or working in an international organization based in the U.S.

Global Studies
The Certificate in Global Studies is designed to offer a global perspective, to facilitate the ability to communicate in different languages, to help develop an appreciation for other cultures, and to promote informed analysis of global issues. The certificate serves both educational and vocational purposes through the advancement of an understanding of global affairs and other cultures and preparation for a growing number of international careers in government, business, and non-governmental organizations.

Interdisciplinary Writing
Writing is a critical skill in all fields and professions. The Writing Certificate Program gives undergraduate students from all programs at the UGA an opportunity to develop and document their writing skills as they progress through their academic careers. Their writing skills will be developed in the context of their particular disciplines and be documented in a published ePortfolio that presents and reflects on the students' writing projects and experiences, highlighting their critical thinking, research, and communication skills.

Latin American & Caribbean Studies
The LACS certificate program is comparative and interdisciplinary, allowing students to supplement their major with advanced proficiency in a regional language while gaining expertise in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. It draws curriculum from a wide range of disciplines, including: African American studies, anthropology, geography, history, international affairs, journalism and mass communication, romance languages, religion, and sociology. The goal of the program is to develop undergraduate scholars with a sound understanding of the languages, societies, cultures, politics, and economies of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Leadership & Service
The Certificate in Leadership and Service is designed to enhance the leadership skills and orientation to service of students through an interdisciplinary approach to the study and practice of leadership. Students will gain experience in leadership in personal, team, organizational and community contexts. Courses to complete the certificate will provide students with the opportunity to work in groups, develop skills in communication and critical thinking, practice skills in decision making and problem solving, and serve in leadership roles in their college, campus organizations or community.

Legal Studies
The Certificate in Legal Studies is designed for the student who wants to learn more about the legal environment of business, as well as allow those interested in pursuing law school a chance to gauge their interest in the field.

New Media
The New Media Interdisciplinary Certificate Program provides students with theoretical and practical knowledge of developing digital media systems. Students explore the historical, political, social, and economic dimensions of new media technologies. Each student must complete a capstone project.

Personal and Organizational Leadership
The Certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership (CPOL) is for students in any UGA major. CPOL is a course–based program that results in a transcript notation at the successful completion of the ILAD core courses and nine additional credit hours of approved electives.

Sustainability
The Sustainability Certificate equips students with the skills to make significant, systemic changes in their communities, paving the way for a more sustainable future. Through the process of obtaining the sustainability certificate, students gain knowledge about the myriad of issues pertaining to sustainability, achieve enlightened perspectives about what sustainability means for individuals, communities, and the world, and acquire experience applying this understanding to meaningful, real-world situations.