Interdisciplinary Minors

Policy on Interdisciplinary Minors

A minor is an optional component of a student’s degree (unless otherwise stated) that, upon graduation, will be reflected on the student’s transcript. An interdisciplinary minor consists of no more than nine hours from any single prefix area (e.g. HIST, ECON, HLTH). Additionally, the courses applied to an interdisciplinary minor must be from a minimum of two academic departments. An undergraduate student, regardless of major, may pursue an interdisciplinary minor from the approved list in the undergraduate catalog. Interdisciplinary minors may not be earned independently of a bachelor’s degree granted by the University of Central Oklahoma. Interdisciplinary minors may not be earned as a part of an associate degree. Minors do not appear on diplomas.

Minimums for minors unless otherwise specified:

Total Hours .................................................. 18
Upper Division Hours (3/4000 level) ................. 6
Residency Hours ........................................... 6
GPA ................................................................ 2.00

American Indian Studies

American Indian Studies .................................... 18
Minor Code:  5566
Required courses .......................................... 3
  GEO  3323  Intro American Indian Studies
Elective courses .......................................... 15
Select no more than 9 hours from any one course prefix:
  ENG  4463  American Indian Literature
  ENG  4493  American Indian Authors
  ENG  4813  American Indian Youth Literature
  ENG  4873  American Indian Film
  GEO  4133  American Indian Geographies
  HIST  2033  American Indian History
  HIST  4233  Maya, Inca, Aztec Civilizations
  HIST  4303  Indians of The Southwest
  HIST  4413  American Indian Women
  HUM  3073  Native American Humanities
  MUS  2423  Native American Music
  ART  4053  Native American Art
  MCOM  3083  Intercultural Communication

When approved by the Department Chair, Advanced Topics (3990), Seminars (4910), and Institutes (4960), may be taken as electives.

Minimum GPA ............................................. 2.50
Minor Director: Dr. John Springer
Department of History and Geography

Asian Studies

Asian Studies ................................................ 20
Minor Code:  5568
Required courses ........................................ 14
  CHIN  1114  Elementary Chinese I OR
  JAPN  1114  Elementary Japanese I
  CHIN  1224  Elementary Chinese II OR
  JAPN  1224  Elementary Japanese II
  HIST  4743  Modern China and Japan
  POL  4403  Asian Politics

8 hours of any other Asian Language course may fill the language requirement with approval of the Minor Director.

Film Studies

Film Studies .................................................. 18
Minor Code:  5570
Required courses ........................................ 6
  ENG  2223  Introduction to Film Studies
  HUM  4083  Film Criticism
Elective courses ........................................... 12
Selected from the following with no more than six hours from any one course prefix.
  ENG  3243  Women in Film
  ENG  4053  Vietnam War Film & Literature
  ENG  4543  Film as Literature
  ENG  4533  Genres in Film
  ENG  4603  Major Figures in American Film
  ENG  4693  Films of Akira Kurosawa
  ENG  4833  Cyberpunk Film and Literature
  ENG  4873  American Indian Film
  HUM  3903  History of Film I
  HUM  3913  History of Film II
  HUM  4303  National Cinemas
  MCOM  4623  Gays and Lesbians in Film/Media

When approved by the Department Chair, Advanced Topics (3990), Seminars (4910), and Institutes (4960) may be taken as electives.

Minimum GPA ............................................. 2.50
Minor Director: Dr. Youngtae Shin
Department of Political Science

Global Studies

Global Studies ................................................... 18
Minor Code:  5278
Required courses ......................................... 9
  POL  2303  Introduction to World Politics
  GEO  4613  World Geopolitical Hot Spots
  POL  4633  Politics and the World Economy OR
  POL  4543  International Cooperation
Elective I .......................................................... 3-6
Selected from the following:
  POL  2713  Introduction to Comparative Politics
  POL  3263  International Law
  POL  4623  International Conflict
  HIST  1023  World History II
  HIST  1263  Modern Europe
  HIST  4743  Modern China and Japan
  HIST  4863  History of Modern Southeast Asia
Elective II ....................................................... 3-6
Selected from the following:
  SOC  2413  Cultural Anthropology
  HUM  2423  Non-Western Humanities
  HUM  3053  19th and 20th Century Humanities
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ENG 3213 World Literature II
HUM 4113 World Religions

When approved by the Department Chair, Advanced Topics (3990), Seminars (4910), Institutes (4960), Study Tours (4970), and other courses with a strong global component may be taken as electives.

Minimum GPA.......................................................... 2.50

Minor Director: Dr. Louis Furmanski
Department of Political Science

Race and Ethnic Studies

Race and Ethnic Studies.............................................. 18

Minor Code: 5565

Required Course...................................................... 3
SOC 3203 Minorities in American Society

Elective Core.......................................................... 6

Select no more than three hours from each numbered category:

1. ENG 2693 A Survey of Black American Fiction
   HIST 4753 Atlantic Slavery
   HIST 4763 Black Intellectual History
2. ENG 4493 American Indian Authors
   HIST 2033 American Indian History
   GEO 4133 American Indian Geography
   HIST 4303 Indians of the Southwest
   HUM 3073 Native American Humanities
3. HIST 4743 Modern China and Japan
   POL 4403 Asian Politics
4. ENG 4823 Ethnic American Literature
   HUM 4113 World Religions
   PHIL 2073 Social and Political Philosophy
   POL 4823 Religion and Politics

OR other approved courses.

Guided Electives......................................................... 9

Select from the following:
MCOM 3083, ECON 4303, ECON 4353, ENG 2693, ENG 2713,
ENG 4493, ENG 4453, ENG 4823, FMCD 2213, FMCD 3093,
FMCD 3243, FACS 3633, FACS 4453, FACS 4513, HIST 2033,
HIST 4303, HIST 4513, HIST 4743, HIST 4753, HIST 4763,
HIST 4863, HUM 3073, HUM 4113, MGMT 4033, MGMT 4263,
NTRN 1513, OCTE 4333, PHIL 1103, PHIL 2073, POL 3583,
POL 4023, POL 4403, PSY 1203, SOC 2303, SOC 3403, PTE 3133,
PTE 3153, TESL 4113, TESL 4123

Minimum GPA.......................................................... 2.50

Minor Director: Dr. Marc Goulding
Department of History and Geography

Religious Studies.................................................... 18

Minor Code: 5571

Required Course...................................................... 3
HUM 2103 Introduction to Religious Studies

Elective Courses....................................................... 15

Selected from the following:
ENG 3373 Literary Study New Testament
ENG 3393 Mythology
ENG 3413 Literary Study Old Testament
HIST 4883 The Reformation, 1500-1648
HUM 3113 Old Testament Humanities
HUM 3123 New Testament Humanities
HUM 4113 World Religions
PHIL 3103 Ethical Theory
PHIL 3143 Philosophy of Religion
POL 4823 Religion and Politics
SOC 3573 Sociology of Religion

OR other approved courses.

When approved by the Department Chair, Advanced Topics (3990), Seminars (4910), and Institutes (4960) may be taken as electives.

Minimum GPA.......................................................... 2.50

Minor Director: Dr. Stephen Law
Department of Humanities and Philosophy

Russian Studies..................................................... 18

Minor Code: 5567

Required Courses..................................................... 9

Via interactive television from ECU (East Central University)
RUSS 1113 Elementary Russian I
RUSS 1223 Elementary Russian II
RUSS 2113 Intermediate Russian

Elective Courses....................................................... 9

Selected from the following:
GEO 3303 Geography of Russia and Central Asia
HIST 4103 Europe, 1919 to 1945
HIST 4213 American Diplomatic History - 20th Century
HIST 4333 Russian History to 1917
HIST 4343 Russian History since 1917

Any 3000/4000 level course with 50% Russian content and approval
of Minor Director.

Minor Director: Dr. Erik Huneke
Department of History and Geography

Sustainability Studies............................................. 18

Minor Code: 5574

Required Courses..................................................... 3
HIST 2413 Introduction to Sustainability Studies

Electives................................................................. 15

Select no more than 6 hours from any one prefix:
GEO 3703 Environmental Conservation
GEO 4113 Geographic Information Systems
GEO 4603 Urban Geography
GEO 4733 Advanced GIS: Urban/Social
GEO 4743 Advanced GIS: Environmental

HIST 3253 History of the American City
HIST 3723 American Environmental History
HIST 3743 Global Environmental History
HIST 3833 History of Oil

LEAD 2213 Theories of Leadership
LEAD 3313 Leadership and Civic Engagement
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- POL 3583 Urban Government and Policy
- POL 4363 Urban Sustainability
- POL 4423 Environmental Politics
- SOC 4403 Social Ecology and Demography

When approved by the Department Chair, Advanced Topics (3990), Seminars (4910), and Institutes (4960) may be taken as electives.

**Minimum GPA: 2.50**

**Minor Director:** Dr. Katrina Lacher  
Department of History and Geography

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**Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies**

**Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies ................. 18**

**Minor Code:** 5564

**Required course:**  
- HIST 2313 Introduction to Women/Gender/Sexuality

**Electives:**  
- Select no more than six hours from each numbered category
  1. Women’s/Gender History
     - HIST 3123 Race, Class, Gender
     - HIST 3233 U.S. Women’s History
     - HIST 3423 Women’s History: European
     - HIST 4283 History of Sex in the Americas
     - HIST 4353 Women’s History: International
     - HIST 4413 Women in the American West
     - HIST 4423 American Indian Women
  2. Women’s/Gender Issues
     - ART 4363 Art by Women
     - PHIL 4203 Women and Values
     - POL 3813 Women and Politics
     - SOC 4523 Sociology of Gender
  3. Representation/Media
     - MCOM 3233 Gender, Race, Class, and Media
     - MCOM 3423 Communication and Gender
     - MCOM 3843 Masculinity in the Media
     - MCOM 4623 Gays and Lesbians in Film/Media
  4. Sexuality
     - ENG 3723 Lesbian and Gay Literature
     - FMCD 2313 Sexuality through the Lifespan
     - SOC 2113 Human Sexuality
     Or, when approved by the Director of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor, other pertinent 3000/4000 level courses may count toward minor.

**Minimum GPA: 2.50**

**Minor Director:** Dr. Lindsey Churchill  
Department of History and Geography

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**Non-Degree Program**

**International Studies Program (Interdisciplinary)**

The International Studies program is a unique concept among the University’s academic programs. It is not a departmental major which leads to a degree, but is an interdisciplinary program intended to complement a major and can be taken in conjunction with any degree program. It includes courses having international content which are offered by various departments—history, political science, geography, foreign languages, economics, humanities, business, education and others.

The International Studies Program is designed for students who wish to learn about foreign countries and cultures, as well as relations among nations. The program is especially helpful to students who wish to apply the skills learned in their degree majors in a foreign setting.

**Plan of Study**

A student’s plan of study includes 24 to 30 hours of courses, taken in at least three departments, and is individually tailored to the specific interests of the student. A program can be focused in any area of international interest, for example, Latin American Studies, Problems of Developing Countries, International Politics, International Business, and others. Courses are selected by the student in consultation with a committee of faculty members who have specialized knowledge in the student’s area of interest.

The study of foreign language is encouraged but not required.

Courses which are taken as part of the student’s major or minor may, if relevant, be counted in the plan of study for the International Studies Program. For most majors, normally no additional course work beyond a bachelor’s degree is necessary. Students planning to enter the program are encouraged to do so early in their college careers, preferably no later than the second semester of the junior year.

**Recognition**

Completion of the program is recognized on the student transcript upon graduation by a statement indicating the area of specialization.

For further information contact the program’s director.

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