INDEPENDENT MINOR

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While housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, the independent minor
is open to any undergraduate student regardless of school. Students in
this minor design a unique program to fit their personal, academic and
professional goals. The responsibility for the planning of such a program
rests with the student proposing it, and a proposal for an independent
minor must contain suitable justification, a coherent curricular plan and
an appropriate title. The proposal must be submitted to the director of
the Collaborative for Interdisciplinary/Integrative Studies for approval and
also must have the approval of a full-time CAS faculty member, chosen
by the student, who will serve as the student’s adviser and work with the
student to plan the program.

Independent minors must include at least 18 credits of coursework, at
least 6 of which must be completed at the 300 level or above, and at least
12 of which must be in courses housed in CAS.

Full independent minor proposals should be submitted no later than the
second semester of the sophomore year to start by no later than the
first semester of the junior year. Independent minor proposals will be
accepted before March 1 for review in the spring semester, and before
October 15 for review in the fall semester.

The independent minor is designed for students of any major who would
like to focus their attention in a specific area of study not currently
offered by the university. Independent minor programs are designed
individually by students, in consultation with CAS faculty. Therefore,
the curriculum for this minor will vary by student. Areas of focus might
include:

• Single subjects for which no minor currently exists, such as Non-
Western Literature or Ethics.
• Interdisciplinary fields, such as African-American Studies, French
Studies, Forensics, Genomics, Scientific Illustration or Public Policy.
• Problem-based inquiry, such as individual rights vs. public good,
violent/non-violent activism or ending water/food insecurity.
• Skill areas, such as public speaking, leadership or creativity/
innovation, or skills related to any of the Essential Learning
Outcomes.

Program Minimum Requirements

• The minor must consist of a minimum of 18 credits (may include up
to three courses already completed).
• No fewer than 6 of the 18 credits must be at the 300 level or above
(neither Global Community nor the UC Integrative Capstone may
count).
• At least 12 credits for the minor must be completed in courses
offered by CAS departments.
• None of the courses included in the minor may overlap with courses
in the major, or with courses in another declared minor.
• Independent minors may not be declared retroactively or based on
more than 9 credits already completed or in progress.