

## 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 Statistics

The minor in statistics is aimed specifically at social and life science students, as well as students in the traditional mathematical sciences. A minimum of 15 hours of course work is required to complete the minor, as follows:

Complete **one** of the following:

STA 296 Statistical Methods and Motivations

STA 321 Basic Statistical Theory I

STA 525 Introductory Statistical Inference.....3

Complete **one** of the following:

STA 281 Probability and Statistics

Using Interactive Computer Techniques

STA 320 Introductory Probability

STA 524 Probability.....3

**plus:**

STA 570 Basic Statistical Analysis .....3

Complete **one** additional STA course approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies..... 3-4

Complete **one** course from the student's area approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies..... 3-4

**Total Hours** ..... **15-17**