

# MINORS

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## ASK A QUESTION OR SUBMIT FEEDBACK ON THIS POLICY

An academic minor is a curriculum component, smaller than the major, which enables a student to make an inquiry into a discipline or field of study or to investigate a particular theme. The purpose of a minor is to provide formalized guidance to students in selecting courses in a field or content area that is outside the major and to provide formal recognition of that work on the transcript. The courses in the minor may be centered in a specific department or be drawn from several departments, as in the case of an interdisciplinary topical or thematic focus.

Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline. A minimum of 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.

## Undergraduate Minors

An undergraduate minor is minimum 12 credit hours and normally contains between 18 and 25 credit hours, with a minimum of 6 of those hours being upper-division credit and a minimum 50 percent of the total hours in residence.

Students must formally declare a minor, similar to the process by which they declare the major. Students in a bachelor's or an applied associate degree (e.g., A.A.B., A.A.S.) or the Associate of Technical Study (A.T.S.), of which there is a major, may declare a minor. Students in a generalist associate degree (e.g., A.A., A.S., A.T.S.–Individualized Program) may not declare a minor.

## Graduate Minors

A graduate minor is minimum 9 credit hours, with a minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours taken at Kent State.

Students must be admitted to a master's, post-master's or doctoral degree to declare a graduate minor. Students formally declare a minor through the change of program application, which must be approved by the college administrating the students' major and the college administrating the chosen minor.