Minors

The College offers a wide spectrum of minors across a number of subjects and divisions. These range from intensive explorations of a single field to highly interdisciplinary examinations of more broadly defined concepts. Students are not required to complete a minor. Minors are a way of focusing a student’s general electives, demonstrating fluency in areas not reflected in a major, complementing a major, or simply allowing students the opportunity to widen the scope of their education in the College. Minors typically consist of five to seven courses. Not every major offers a minor; some minors are unaffiliated with any major. Just as with majors, a minor will be noted on students' transcripts.

Policies and Regulations

Minors are subject to several regulations. If any are not met or followed properly, it could result in the loss of the formal minor.

- Before declaring a minor, a student must meet with the undergraduate program adviser in the relevant subject and fill out a Consent to Complete a Minor Program (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/minors/Consent_Minor_Program.pdf) form, which determines the specific courses that will make up the minor. This form should be returned to the student’s College adviser. Once the form is completed, the minor may be declared in the student portal (https://my.uchicago.edu).
- If the student takes courses for the minor that do not match the courses on the Consent form, either a new form must be submitted to the College adviser or written approval must be sent by the department acknowledging the deviation.
- No course may be counted toward a major and a minor, nor may a course be used toward general education requirements and a minor.
- More than half of the courses in the minor must be completed through University of Chicago course registrations (as opposed to test or examination credit).
- Minors should be declared by third year. A minor can be discontinued at any time.

Minors Offered

- Architectural Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/architecturalstudies/)
- Art History (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/arthistory/#minorinarthistory)
- Astronomy and Astrophysics (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/astronomyastrophysics/#minorinastronomyandastrophysics)
- Biological Sciences (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/biologicalsciences/#minorprograminthebiologicalsciences)
- Chemistry (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/chemistry/#minorinchemistry)
- Cinema and Media Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/cinemamediastudies/#minorprogramincinemaandmediastudies)
- Classical Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/classicalstudies/#minorprograminclassicalstudies)
- Computer Science (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/computerscience/#minorprogramincomputerscience)
- Data Science (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/datascience/)
- Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/digitalstudies/#minorindigitalstudiesoflanguagecultureandhistory)
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/eastasianlanguagescivilizations/#minorprogramneastasianlanguagesandcivilizations)
- Education and Society (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/educationandsociety/)
- English and Creative Writing (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/creativewriting/#minorinenglishandcreativewriting)
- Environmental and Urban Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/environmentalstudies/#minorprogramenvironmentalandurbanstudies)
Gender and Sexuality Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/genderstudies/#minorprogramingenderandsexualitystudies)

Geographic Information Science (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/geographicalstudies/#minoringeographicinformationscience)

Germanic Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/germanicstudies/#minorprogramingermanicstudies)

Health and Society (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/healthandsociety/)

History (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/history/#minorinhistory)

History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/scienceandmedicinewisps/#minorprograminhistoryphilosophyandsocialstudiesofscienceandmedicine)

Human Rights (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/humanrights/#undergraduateminorinhumanrights)

Inequality, Social Problems, and Change (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/inequalityandsocialchange/)

Jewish Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/jewishstudies/#minorinjewishstudies)

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/latinamericanstudies/#minorprograminalatinamericanandcaribbeanstudies)

Linguistics (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/linguistics/#minorprogramlinguistics)

Mathematics (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/mathematics/#minorprograminmathematics)

Media Arts and Design (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/MediaArtsandDesign/)

Medieval Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/medievalstudies/#minorprograminmedievalstudies)

Molecular Engineering (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/molecularengineering/#minorprograminmolecularengineering) (including Quantum Information Science; Immunoengineering; Molecular, Cellular, and Tissue Engineering; Systems Bioengineering; Molecular Science and Engineering of Polymers and Soft Materials; Molecular Engineering of Sustainable Energy and Water Resources; Computational Molecular Engineering; Molecular Engineering Technology and Innovation)

Music (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/music/#minorprograminmusic)

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/neareasternlanguagescivilizations/#minorprograminaneartheasternlanguagesandcivilizations)

Neuroscience (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/neuroscience/) (including Computational Neuroscience)

Norwegian Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/norwegianstudies/)

Philosophy (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/philosophy/#minorprograminphilosophy)

Physics (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/physics/#minorprograminphysics)

Quantitative Social Analysis (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/quantitativesocialanalysis/)

Religious Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/religiousstudies/#minorprograminreligiousstudies)

Renaissance Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/renaissancestudies/#minorinrenaissancestudies)

Romance Languages and Literatures (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/romancelanguagesliteratures/) (including Catalan; French and Francophone Studies; Italian; Portuguese; Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; Spanish)

Russian and East European Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/slaviclanguagesliteratures/#minorprograminrussianandeasteuropeanstudies)

South Asian Languages and Civilizations (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/southasianlanguagescivilizations/#summaryofrequirementsfortheminorsouthasianlanguagesandcivilizations)

Statistics (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/statistics/#minorprograminstatistics)
Theater and Performance Studies (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/theaterperformancestudies/#minorprogramintheaterandperformancestudies)

Visual Arts (http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/visualarts/#minorprograminthedepartmentofvisualarts)