

The Minor

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1.0 The minor shall provide the opportunity to develop a degree of competence in a field beyond the area of major course of

study. Like the major, the minor shall offer an integrated and coherent pattern of coursework organized around the principal areas of interest or subfields of academic disciplines and interdisciplinary areas. It shall combine lower and upper division coursework in proportions appropriate to the various disciplines.

2.0 Units

2.1. The minor shall consist of 15–24 units, the specific number to be determined by the academic departments, schools, and programs and approved through the normal university curricular process. Minors that require considerable lower division preparation for upper division work shall tend to include more units than others.

2.2. Normally, 12 units of coursework in the minor shall be upper division. A minimum of six upper division units shall be completed at San Diego State University. In minors where the number of prerequisite lower division units precludes taking 12 upper division units without exceeding a total of 22 to 24 units, the required upper division coursework may be reduced to six units with the approval of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

3.0 Subject Areas

3.1. Departments, schools, and programs offering minors shall indicate the specific subject areas to which individual courses relate rather than permit a merely random selection of courses from a department, school, or program.

3.2. The subject areas in which programs in the minor are offered should be such that the limited number of units required in a minor is sufficient to enable a student to achieve a reasonable degree of competence in the area. The degree of competence achieved shall be considerably less than that required by a major but should nevertheless constitute a worthwhile educational objective.

4.0 Courses taken in satisfaction of a minor may be used to meet requirements in General Education. In addition, courses taken to satisfy the preparation for the major requirements may be used as a part of a minor. However, no course shall be used to satisfy the requirements for both a major and a minor.

5.0 The minimum grade point average for awarding a minor at the time of graduation shall be 2.0 or better in all units applicable toward that minor, including those accepted by transfer from another institution.