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Campus-wide Policy on Minor Programs (Effective immediately)

Each program offering a minor must specify a required set of courses which meet the following criteria:

Any minor must require a minimum of five courses, each carrying a minimum of three units, of which at least four courses must be upper division. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and at least three of the five must be completed at UC Merced.

A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) in upper division courses is required. Individual programs may define higher minimum GPA requirements.

All coursework for the minor must be completed within the parameters established by UC Merced Senate Regulation II.1. Normal Progress to Degree.

Students are responsible for consulting the UC Merced General Catalog for prerequisites to required courses.

Proposals for minors are evaluated according to the Undergraduate Council (UGC) Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs. All proposals for minors must include Program Learning Outcomes and an assessment plan.

Completion of the minor will be recorded on the student's transcript.

Course Overlap and Distinct Units

- Lower-division courses may be applied to both a minor and a major without limitation.
- A maximum of 12 upper-division units, typically equivalent to 3 courses, may be counted simultaneously toward both minor and major requirements.

Multiple Minor Policy

Course Overlap and Distinct Units

- Lower-division courses may be applied to multiple minors without limitation.
- A minimum of 12 upper-division units, typically equivalent to 3 courses, in each minor must be distinct and may not be counted toward the requirements of any other minor.

If a student is declared in multiple minors in addition to one or more majors, a School Dean may deny the sharing of course credit between minors and majors if there is determined to be an excessive overlap of content.