

# Minor Requirements

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A minor is the completion, within an area of specialization, of a group of courses in a field other than the major. Minors may be earned in fields unrelated to students' majors, or they may be complementary or supportive of majors. Minors may be used to fulfill career needs or to facilitate in-depth investigation in a discipline of secondary interest.

## Declaring or Changing a Minor

Any student may elect to earn one or more minors; however, Bachelor of Arts degree recipients often pursue at least one minor in order to complete degree requirements.

Students should discuss intentions to pursue the minor(s) with their advisors and with the affected department(s). Students may not earn a minor that has the same name as their major program under one undergraduate degree (e.g., a student may not earn a Criminal Justice major and a Criminal Justice minor under the same degree).

A notation recognizing the fulfillment of the requirements for the minor(s) will be posted on the student's permanent academic record at the time of graduation.

Students may declare or change their minors by submitting a Major-Minor Change eForm through Campus Connection under the eForms tile.

## Teaching Minors and Praxis II

A teaching minor in a "core" subject area requires that the candidate successfully complete the Praxis II examination to obtain a major equivalency that allows them to teach in that subject area. A teaching minor in a "non-core" subject area allows the candidate to be licensed to teach in that area.

## Credits Required for a Minor

Courses required for the minor are specified by each discipline that offers one. Although the actual number of credits required to complete a minor will vary by discipline, a minimum of 18 credits is standard. At least six of the credits required for the minor must be completed in residence at Minot State University.

Students interested in earning a minor must also earn or hold a Minot State University baccalaureate degree or hold a baccalaureate degree from another institution.

## Credit Overlap

Courses that are used to meet the requirements in one major or minor may also be used to meet requirements in other majors or minors.

## Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum grade point average of 2.00 is required for the minor(s). Some programs of study have higher minimum grade point average expectations. Refer to individual program guidelines for more information.