

# Dietrich College Interdisciplinary Minors

Dietrich College interdepartmental minors are programs whose content and components span two or more academic departments to form coherent patterns of study.

A number of interdepartmental minors are offered by Dietrich College and are, in general, available to all Carnegie Mellon undergraduate students. As well, there are numerous other minors offered by other colleges in the university that are generally available to Dietrich College students. The full list of minors available to Carnegie Mellon students is located in the catalog index under "Minors."

Completion of the requirements for any of these minors is noted on the final transcript.

To declare a Dietrich College interdepartmental minor, students should contact the college's Academic Advisory Center (AAC) and the faculty advisor for that minor.

To discuss the possibility of declaring a non-Dietrich College minor, contact the advisor listed for the minor in question.

In general, unless noted, no course taken to fulfill requirements for these interdepartmental minors may apply toward any other program's requirements.

## The Minor in African and African American Studies

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Academic Advisor: Dr. Andrew Ramey; aramey@andrew.cmu.edu, Baker Hall 240, 412/268-2880

### Mission

The African and African American Studies minor introduces students to several large regions of the world: sub-Saharan Africa, the Americas, and the Caribbean. Broad geographic coverage and a comparative framework encourage students to make connections between Africa and the African Diaspora, as well as among different Diasporan communities. The minor offers undergraduates the opportunity to undertake an empirical and theoretical examination of the cultural, political, social, and historical experiences of Africans and people of African descent.

This unique transnational minor brings together several departments and colleges within the university and allows students to develop analytical skills particular to the arts, humanities, social sciences, public policy, and management. The African and African American Studies minor allow students a considerable degree of freedom in their choice of electives and independent research projects, including opportunities to study and conduct research in a relevant foreign language.

Courses taken to fulfill requirements in other major or minor programs may only be applied to this minor with permission of the Faculty Advisor.

### Requirements

- The minor is composed of 54 units - two core courses and four elective courses.
- The elective courses must include one course that requires a research paper or project.
- Students may take an additional two core courses as electives, but not more than four total courses.
- Students must take courses in at least two of the four regions (African, African American, Latin American, and the Caribbean) between their core and elective courses.

### Core Courses 18 units

Choose two from the History and/or English Department courses listed below:

African		
79-226	African History: Earliest Times to 1780	9
79-227	African History: Height of Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid	9
African American		
76-232	Introduction to African American Literature	9
76-332	African American Literature: The African American Crime Novel	9
79-241	African American History: Africa to the Civil War	9
79-242	African American History: Reconstruction to the Present	9
Caribbean		

79-235	Caribbean Cultures	9
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### Elective Courses 36 units

African		
79-225	West African History in Film	9
79-237	Comparative Slavery *	9
79-290	The Slave Passage: From West Africa to the Americas	6
79-291	Globalization in East African History	6
79-385	The Making of the African Diaspora *	9
79-386	Entrepreneurs in Africa, Past, Present and Future *	9
82-304	The Francophone World **	9

African American		
57-480/79-357	History of Black American Music	6
76-238	What Was the Hip-Hop Generation?	9
76-332	African American Literature: The African American Crime Novel	9
76-333	African American Studies	9
76-432	Advanced Seminar in African American Studies *	9
79-237	Comparative Slavery *	9
79-304	African Americans in Pittsburgh	6
79-371	African American Urban History	9
79-376	Doing Transnational History From Western Africa to Gullah/Geechee and Back	9

Caribbean		
79-237	Comparative Slavery *	9
79-295	Race Relations in the Atlantic World	9
79-385	The Making of the African Diaspora *	9
82-304	The Francophone World **	9
Latin American		
79-317	Art, Anthropology, and Empire	9
82-343	Latin America: Language and Culture	9
82-451	Studies in Latin American Literature and Culture	9

### Notes:

\* Denotes courses that require a research paper/project.

\*\* Denotes courses taught in a foreign language

## The Minor in Environmental Studies

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The minor in Environmental Studies draws on the expertise of faculty across several Carnegie Mellon colleges in order to provide students with the interdisciplinary background and skills to understand environmental problems, their origins, and the means to mitigate them. It emphasizes three general areas: (1) natural science and technology, (2) social sciences, and (3) the humanities and arts. Coursework covers key environmental topics related to energy, pollution, and biological diversity.

Note that some courses carry prerequisites and/or reserve seats for primary majors.

Students interested in pursuing the minor should meet with the Faculty Advisor to map out a course of study. Double counting rules follows guidelines set by the Dietrich College.

Students are strongly encouraged to be on the lookout for relevant new course offerings; every effort will be made to find equivalent courses that meet student interest when done in consultation with the Faculty Advisor.

### Curriculum 54 units

Foundation of Environmental Sciences 18 units

#### One course in Biology

03-121	Modern Biology or	9
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03-125	Evolution	9
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**One course in Chemistry**

09-103	Atoms, Molecules and Chemical Change	9
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Perspectives on Environmental Problems (36 units distributed across the three categories listed below)

**Humanities**

76-319	Environmental Rhetoric	9
79-289	Animal Planet: An Environmental History of People and Animals	6
79-372	Cities, Technology, and the Environment	6
79-374	American Environmental History: Critical Issues	9
80-348	Health Development and Human Rights	9

**Economics and Policy**

73-148	Environmental Economics	9
88-412	Energy, Climate Change, and Economic Growth in the 21st Century	9
90-798	Environmental Policy & Planning (only open to seniors)	12
90-808	Energy Policy (only open to seniors)	6

**Environmental Art, Sciences, and Technology**

09-510	Chemistry and Sustainability	9
19-101	Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy	12
19-424	Energy and the Environment	9
60-203	Concept Studio: EcoArt	10

## The Minor in Film and Media Studies

Faculty Co-Advisors: David Shumway (shumway@cmu.edu) and Jeffrey Hinkelman (jh51@andrew.cmu.edu)

Office to declare the minor: Department of English, Baker Hall 259

Film and the electronic media have become a crucial part of contemporary culture and society; they constitute an important tool for understanding social arrangements, historical changes, and play an increasingly important role in the development of aesthetic and cultural theory. The H&SS minor in Film and Media Studies takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of film and other electronic media.

Courses provide techniques for analyzing and criticizing film and other media, for assessing their value as historical, anthropological and social scientific data, and for understanding the aesthetic and philosophical premises of various media texts. In addition, students may take courses in the processes of film-making, offered through special arrangement with the Pittsburgh Filmmakers (a non-profit media arts center, operating since 1971, that provides workshops, seminars, screenings, exhibitions, and training programs in the media and photographic arts).

Courses taken to fulfill requirements for other major or minor programs may not be applied to the Film and Media Studies Minor requirements.

### Curriculum 54 units

The courses listed below are offered with at least general regularity. Participating departments may subsequently develop and offer other courses that, while not listed here, are deemed appropriate for this minor. The minor faculty advisor should be consulted (especially when the schedule of courses to be offered for a given semester becomes available) to identify such additional courses.

#### Introductory Course 9 units

76-239	Introduction to Film Studies (prerequisite for 76-439)	9
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#### Required Intermediate Course 9 units

76-339	Advanced Studies in Film and Media *	9
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\* May be taken up to three times and counted for additional credit toward Intermediate Courses if topics differ.

#### Intermediate Courses 27 units

Complete a minimum of 27 units of course work, chosen in any combination from the following courses. Other 200- or 300-level courses in English, History, and Modern Languages can be counted in this category when their primary topic is film and media. Please consult the minor faculty advisors.

76-238	What Was the Hip-Hop Generation?	9
76-269	Survey of Forms: Screenwriting	9
76-312	Crime and Justice in American Film	9
76-338	The American Cinema	9
79-308	Crime and Justice in American Film	9
82-278	Japanese Film and Literature: The Art of Storytelling	9
82-296	A Century of Russian Film	9

FM 200 Intermediate Filmmaking (please go to CFA 100 to register for this course)

Other 200 or 300 level courses in English, History, and Modern Languages can be counted in this category when their primary topic is film and media. Please consult the minor faculty advisors.

#### Advanced Courses 9 units

Complete one advanced course that concentrates on film directly or that uses it as a tool of social or cultural analysis. One additional advanced course may be taken in place of an intermediate course.

FM 301 Advanced Filmmaking (please go to CFA 100 to register for this course)

76-439	Seminar in Film and Media Studies	9
76-469	Screenwriting Workshop (prerequisite: 76-239)	9

## The Minor in Gender Studies

Faculty Advisor:

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Gender studies is an interdisciplinary field that investigates how gender is embedded in social, cultural, and political relationships. It understands gender as a category of power that intersects with other power relations, including race, class, and sexuality.

Courses allow students to develop a deeper understanding of how gender operates, and to transfer the analytical skills they acquire to other courses as well as to their personal and professional lives. The minor combines coursework in some combination of the following fields: English, history, anthropology, psychology, philosophy, economics, and modern languages.

Courses listed are only examples. Course offerings change regularly, so please consult semester offerings and the minor advisor for other courses.

Courses taken to fulfill requirements in other major or minor programs may not be applied to the Gender Studies minor requirements (and vice versa).

### Curriculum 54 units

The courses listed below are offered with at least general regularity. Participating departments may develop and offer other courses that, while not listed here, are appropriate for the study of gender. Consult the minor advisor to confirm the relevance of unlisted, gender-focused courses.

#### Complete 1 of the following required courses. 9 units

76-241	Introduction to Gender Studies	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9

#### Complete 4 additional courses. 36 units

See examples below, but other courses may fulfill this requirement.\*

76-205	Jane Austen	9
76-311	Acting Out in the London Theatre	9
76-327	Influential Women Writers	9
76-341	Gender and Sexuality in Performance	9
79-222	Between Revolutions: The Development of Modern Latin America	9
79-244	Women in American History	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest <sup>If not taken as a requirement.</sup>	9
79-323	Family, Gender, and Sexuality in European History, 500-1800	9
79-325	U.S. Gay and Lesbian History	6
79-327	Modern Girlhood: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	6

79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America <sup>If not taken as a requirement.</sup>	9
79-333	Sex, Gender & Anthropology	9
82-238	Topics in Chinese Culture	9
82-300	Topics in Cross-Cultural Studies	9
85-221	Principles of Child Development	9
85-350	Psychology of Prejudice	9

Complete 1 advanced course (9 units). 9 units

See examples below, but other courses may fulfill this requirement.\*

76-412	Performance and 18th Century Theatrical Culture	9
76-441	Theorizing Sexuality	9
85-446	Psychology of Gender	9

These courses are generally offered at the advanced junior and senior level. Offerings vary from semester to semester and a list will be made available to minors prior to registration each term. Students may also take more than 9 units from the "Advanced Course" list to count for the 54 unit total.

\*Consult with Gender Studies Minor Advisor Professor Lisa Tetrault at tetrault@andrew.cmu.edu.

## The Minor in Global Systems and Management

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Graduates across all disciplines are increasingly likely to find themselves working as part of a global development team on a wide variety of business, consumer, and intellectual products and services.

The Global Systems and Management minor (GSM) is intended for students wishing to develop skills essential for participating in emerging opportunities in global business systems, systems development, product development and global project management. GSM exposes students to contemporary issues and practices facing organizations, managers and individuals working on a global scale across political, cultural and temporal boundaries. GSM presents an opportunity for students to learn about being part of an organization that works globally with its employees, business partners, customers and supply chains.

Students will learn about global project management, outsourcing and cross-cultural communications from theoretical and practical viewpoints. An organized elective structure enables students to tailor the minor to reflect their specific interests.

### Curriculum 54 units

GSM is offered jointly across the departments and programs of the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences with participation from the Tepper School of Business. The minor is administered by the Dietrich College Information Systems program. The minor requires students to complete 54 units. Note that the courses listed below may be subject to change:

- one Information Systems course: 67-329 Contemporary Themes in Global Systems (offered annually)
- two courses in Communications
- a combination of 27 units with at least 9 units in each of the categories of:
  - Humanities, Heritage and Culture
  - International Management

#### Study Abroad Options

Students are encouraged to complete a semester of study abroad. With prior approval from the GSM Advisor, study abroad courses may be applied to GSM minor requirements except for 67-329 Contemporary Themes in Global Systems. Please consult with the GSM Advisor before embarking on the semester of study abroad.

#### Double Counting of Courses

Students may apply one course taken to fulfill a requirement in another major or minor program toward the GSM minor.

#### Core Course

Required course:		
67-329	Contemporary Themes in Global Systems (offered annually)	9

#### Communications 18 units

Complete two courses:		
70-321	Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	9

70-340	Business Communications	9
70/85/88-341	Organizational Communication	9
70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
73-341	Within the Firm: Managing through Incentives	9
76-270	Writing for the Professions	9
76-318	Communicating in the Global Marketplace	9
76-386/786	Language & Culture	9
76-428	Visual Verbal Communication	9
85-375	Crosscultural Psychology	9
88-419	International Negotiation	9

#### Humanities, Heritage and Culture (HHC) & International Management (IM) 27 units

(Complete 9 units of HHC and 18 units of IM ---OR--- 18 units of HHC and 9 units of IM)

#### Humanities, Heritage and Culture

Humanities Heritage and Culture consists of:

- History Department courses: 79-200 level or above covering international/regional studies that are outside of U.S. history
- Modern Languages Department courses: 82-200 level or above, covering international or regional studies but not including elementary or intermediate language courses

History course 79-200 level or above covering international/regional studies that are outside of U.S. history

82-215	Arab Culture Through Film and Literature	Var.
82-253	Korean Culture Through Film	9
82-273	Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture	9
82-303	Introduction to French Culture	9
82-304	The Francophone World	9
82-305	French in its Social Contexts	9
82-311	Advanced Arabic I	9
82-312	Advanced Arabic II	9
82-320	Contemporary Society in Germany, Austria and Switzerland	9
82-323	Germany, Austria and Switzerland in the 20th Century	9
82-333	Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture	Var.
82-342	Spain: Language and Culture	9
82-343	Latin America: Language and Culture	9
82-345	Introduction to Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies	9
82-361	Italian Language and Culture I	9
82-362	Italian Language and Culture II	9
82-399	Special Topics: Russian in Context	Var.
82-415	Topics in French and Francophone Studies	9
or 82-416	Topics in French and Francophone Studies	
82-425	Topics in German Literature and Culture	9
82-431	China and the West	9
82-433	Topics in Contemporary Culture of China	9
82-441	Studies in Peninsular Literature and Culture	9
82-450	Advanced Research in Hispanic Language & Culture	9
82-456	Topics in Hispanic Studies	9
82-473	Topics in Japanese Studies	9
or 82-474	Topics in Japanese Studies	
84-275	Comparative Politics	9
84-312	Gender and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa	6
84-315	Contemporary Debates in Human Rights	9
84-389	Terrorism and Insurgency	9

#### International Management

19-411	Global Competitiveness: Firms, Nations and Technological Change	9
70-318	Managing Effective Work Teams	9
70-364	Business Law	9
67-319-67-331	Global Technology Consulting Groundwork - Technology Consulting in the Global Community (these two courses are taken sequentially)	6
70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9

70-365	International Trade and International Law	9
70-430	International Management	9
70-480	International Marketing	9
73-341	Within the Firm: Managing through Incentives	9
73-372	International Money and Finance	9
84-310	International Political Economy and Organizations	9
84-311	International Development: Theory and Praxis	6
84-319	U.S. Foreign Policy and Interventions in World Affairs	9
84-320	Domestic Politics and International Affairs	9
84-321	Autocrats and Democrats	9
84-322	Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution	9
84-323	War and Peace	9
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9
84-363	Comparative Legal Systems	9
88-384	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in International Relations	9
84-387	Technology and Policy of Cyber War	6
84-388	Concepts of War and Cyber War	6
84-405	Future of Warfare: Cyber, Violent Non-State Actors & Conflict in the Gray Zone	9
88-411	Rise of the Asian Economies	9
88-412	Energy, Climate Change, and Economic Growth in the 21st Century	9
84-414	International and Subnational Security	9

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS REQUIRED FOR MINOR 54**

## Minor in Health Care Policy and Management

### Sponsored by:

Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy  
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Mellon College of Science

### Faculty Advisors:

Jason D'Antonio, Mellon College of Science  
James F. Jordan, H. John Heinz III College

The face of health care is changing. The practice of medicine is being fundamentally altered by the forces of change in public policy, health care organizations and in the industry as a whole. The role of individual professionals in this industry is changing as rapidly as the industry itself. Traditional career paths have disappeared overnight to be replaced by new opportunities that require new skills. New organizations are placing new demands on their professional and medical staffs. The criteria of efficiency and financial stability are entering the domains of diagnosis and treatment.

This minor is designed to provide students considering a career in the health professions with an understanding of how these changes are likely to affect their careers. Students will become familiar with the critical policy and management issues and will begin to learn to operate effectively in the emerging health care environment. The curriculum combines economic, organizational, managerial, historical and psychological perspectives on these issues to provide a foundation for a deepened understanding of the changing structure of health care organizations and policy.

**Required Courses for HCPM Minor (42 Unit minimum)**

Seven courses (a minimum of 60 units) are required to complete this minor. Entry into the minor requires completion of 88-220 Policy Analysis I or the equivalent by approval.

### Required Courses

Students are required to take the following courses.

79-330	Medicine and Society	9
94-705	Health Economics	12
90-836	Health Systems	6
90-861	Health Policy	6

**Elective Courses 24 units**

Complete a minimum of 24 units.

### Heinz College Courses

90-721	Healthcare Management	6
90-818	Health Care Quality & Performance Improvement	6
90-831	Advanced Financial Management of Health Care	6
94-706	Healthcare Information Systems	12

90-832	Health Law	6
Humanities and Social Sciences Courses (9 units each)		
76-494	Healthcare Communications	9
79-318	Sustainable Social Change: History and Practice	9
80-245	Medical Ethics	9
80-247	Ethics and Global Economics	9
85-241	Social Psychology	9
85-442	Health Psychology	9
85-446	Psychology of Gender	9

Please note that some of these courses have prerequisites that will not count toward the completion of the requirements for this minor.

## The Minor in Linguistics

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The Interdepartmental Minor in Linguistics combines courses from the departments of Philosophy, English, Modern Languages, Psychology and the Language Technologies Institute. It synthesizes the linguistics related offerings in these departments and provides students with an academic experience that reflects the interdisciplinary character of the subject.

The Minor in Linguistics requires a total of 6 courses: the introductory linguistics course; two fundamental skills courses; and three additional electives. All courses counted towards the Minor must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of "C" or above.

### Introductory course

80-180	Nature of Language	9
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### Fundamental Skills

Take **one** course from **two** of the following core subject areas:

#### Sounds

80-282	Phonetics and Phonology I	9
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#### Structure

76-389	Rhetorical Grammar	9
80-280	Linguistic Analysis	9
80-285	Natural Language Syntax	9

#### Meaning

80-381	Meaning in Language	9
80-383	Language in Use	9
76-385	Introduction to Discourse Analysis	9
or 76-484	Discourse Analysis	

### Electives

Take three additional linguistics courses. These can be additional courses from the Fundamental Skills categories above, or any other course which is approved by the Director as a linguistics elective. For electives taught on a regular basis, see courses listed as Breadth or Electives in the Undergraduate Catalog entry for the Linguistics Major.

## The Minor in Neural Computation

Director: Dr. Tai Sing Lee  
Administrative Coordinator: Melissa Stupka  
Website: [http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/upnc/nc\\_minor/](http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/upnc/nc_minor/)

The minor in Neural Computation is an intercollege minor jointly sponsored by the School of Computer Science, the Mellon College of Science, and the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and is coordinated by the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition (CNBC) (<http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu>).

The Neural Computation minor is open to students in any major of any college at Carnegie Mellon. It seeks to attract undergraduate students from computer science, psychology, engineering, biology, statistics, physics, and mathematics from SCS, CIT, Dietrich College and MCS. The primary objective of the minor is to encourage students in biology and psychology to take computer science, engineering and mathematics courses, to encourage students in computer science, engineering, statistics and physics to take courses in neuroscience and psychology, and to bring students from different disciplines together to form a community. The curriculum and course requirements are designed to maximize the participation of students from diverse academic disciplines. The program seeks to produce students with both basic



computational skills and knowledge in cognitive science and neuroscience that are central to computational neuroscience.

## Curriculum

The minor in Neural Computation will require a total of five courses: four courses drawn from the four core areas (A: Neural Computation, B: Neuroscience, C: Cognitive Psychology, D: Intelligent System Analysis), one from each area, and one additional depth elective chosen from one of the core areas that is outside the student's major. The depth elective can be replaced by a one-year research project in computational neuroscience. No more than two courses can be double counted toward the student's major or other minors. However, courses taken for general education requirements of the student's degree are not considered to be double counted. A course taken to satisfy one core area cannot be used to satisfy the course requirement for another core area. The following listing presents a set of current possible courses in each area. Substitution is possible but requires approval by the director of the minor program.

### A. Neural Computation

		Units
15-386	Neural Computation	9
15-387	Computational Perception	9
15-883	Computational Models of Neural Systems	12
85-419	Introduction to Parallel Distributed Processing	9
86-375	Computational Perception	9
Pitt-Mathematics-1800	Introduction to Mathematical Neuroscience	9

### B. Neuroscience

03-362	Cellular Neuroscience	9
03-363	Systems Neuroscience	9
03-365	Neural Correlates of Learning and Memory	9
42-630	Introduction to Neuroscience for Engineers (crosslisted with 18-690)	12
85-765	Cognitive Neuroscience	Var.
Pitt-Neuroscience 1000	Introduction to Neuroscience	9
Pitt-Neuroscience 1012	Neurophysiology	9

### C. Cognitive Psychology

85-211	Cognitive Psychology	9
85-213	Human Information Processing and Artificial Intelligence	9
85-412	Cognitive Modeling	9
85-414	Cognitive Neuropsychology	9
85-419	Introduction to Parallel Distributed Processing	9
85-426	Learning in Humans and Machines	9
85-765	Cognitive Neuroscience	Var.

### D. Intelligent System Analysis

10-601	Introduction to Machine Learning (Master's)	12
15-381	Artificial Intelligence: Representation and Problem Solving	9
15-386	Neural Computation	9
15-387	Computational Perception	9
15-494	Cognitive Robotics: The Future of Robot Toys	12
16-299	Introduction to Feedback Control Systems	12
16-311	Introduction to Robotics	12
16-385	Computer Vision	9
18-290	Signals and Systems	12
24-352	Dynamic Systems and Controls	12
36-225	Introduction to Probability Theory	9
36-247	Statistics for Lab Sciences	9
36-401	Modern Regression	9
36-410	Introduction to Probability Modeling	9
42-631	Neural Data Analysis	9
42-632	Neural Signal Processing	12
86-375	Computational Perception	9
86-631	Neural Data Analysis	9

## Prerequisites

The required courses in the above four core areas require a number of basic prerequisites: basic programming skills at the level of 15-110 Principles of Computing and basic mathematical skills at the level of 21-122 Integration and Approximation or their equivalents. Some courses in Area D require additional prerequisites. Area B Biology courses require, at minimum, 03-121 Modern Biology. Students might

skip the prerequisites if they have the permission of the instructor to take the required courses. Prerequisite courses are typically taken to satisfy the students' major or other requirements. In the event that these basic skill courses are not part of the prerequisite or required courses of a student's major, one of them can potentially count toward the five required courses (e.g. the depth elective), conditional on approval by the director of the minor program.

## Research Requirements (Optional)

The minor itself does not require a research project. The student however may replace the depth elective with a year-long research project. In special circumstances, a research project can also be used to replace one of the five courses, as long as (1) the project is not required by the student's major or other minor, (2) the student has taken a course in each of the four core areas (not necessarily for the purpose of satisfying this minor's requirements), and (3) has taken at least three courses in this curriculum not counted toward the student's major or other minors. Students interested in participating in the research project should contact any faculty engaged in computational neuroscience or neural computation research at Carnegie Mellon or in the University of Pittsburgh. A useful webpage that provides listing of faculty in neural computation is <http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/computational-neuroscience>. The director of the minor program will be happy to discuss with students about their research interest and direct them to the appropriate faculty.

## Fellowship Opportunities

The Program in Neural Computation (PNC) administered by the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition currently provides 3-4 competitive full-year fellowships (\$11,000) to Carnegie Mellon undergraduate students to carry out mentored research in neural computation. The fellowship has course requirements similar to the requirements of the minor. Students do not apply to the fellowship program directly. They have to be nominated by the faculty members who are willing to mentor them. Therefore, students interested in the full-year fellowship program should contact and discuss research opportunities with any CNBC faculty at Carnegie Mellon or University of Pittsburgh working in the area of neural computation or computational neuroscience and ask for their nomination by sending email to Dr. Tai Sing Lee, who also administers the undergraduate fellowship program at Carnegie Mellon. See <http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/training/undergraduate/undergraduate-research-fellowships-in-computational-neuroscience/> for details.

The Program in Neural Computation also offers a summer training program for undergraduate students from any U.S. undergraduate college. The students will engage in a 10-week intense mentored research and attend a series of lectures in neural computation. See <http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/training/undergraduate/summer-undergraduate-research-program-in-computational-neuroscience/> for application information.

## The Minor in Religious Studies

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The Religious Studies minor offers students a range of intellectual tools for thinking about religious ideas, behaviors and institutions. It also enables students to build a base of knowledge that extends beyond any one particular religious tradition.

## Curriculum 54 units

The minor consists of six courses, totaling at least 54 units. Courses taken to fulfill requirements in other major or minor programs may only be applied to this minor with permission of the Faculty Advisor.

Religious Studies minors must satisfy the requirements listed below:

## Required Core Course 9 units

All Religious Studies minors are required to take 79-281, Introduction to Religion. This required course introduces several modes of inquiry into religion, such as the philosophy of religion, sociological and behavioral approaches to religion, historical analysis of religious subject, literary and critical analysis of religious texts, theological modes of thought, and anthropological treatments of religion. This course is offered regularly, usually in the Spring semester.

79-281	Introduction to Religion	9
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## Distribution Requirements 18 units

In addition to the required Core Course, students must complete Distribution Courses totaling 18 units (usually two 9-unit courses). A Distribution Course is one that applies a particular discipline to more than one religion. Some examples of qualifying Distribution Courses that have been offered include:

Historical Approaches		
79-273	Jews and Muslims in History: From the Time of Muhammad to the Present	9

79-307	Religion and Politics in the Middle East	9
79-352	Christianity Divided: The Protestant and Catholic Reformations, 1450-1650	9
79-353	Religious Identities and Religious Conflicts in 19th Century Europe	9
Philosophical Approaches		
80-276	Philosophy of Religion	9
Textual Approaches		
76-346	Angels and Diplomats -- Renaissance Poetry from Wyatt to Milton	9

In addition to the courses listed above, participating departments often offer other courses that may qualify as Distribution Courses for the minor. The Faculty Advisor should be consulted to identify qualifying courses (especially after the Schedule of Courses for a given semester becomes available).

#### Elective Courses 27 units

In addition to the required Core Course and the Distribution Courses, students must complete Elective Courses totaling at least 27 units (usually three 9-unit courses). Unlike Distribution Courses, an Elective Course may focus on the study of only one religion (although courses examining more than one religious tradition can also count as Elective Courses if not otherwise used to fulfill the Distribution Requirement).

Some examples of qualifying Elective Courses that have been offered include:

76-330	Medieval Literature	9
76-337	Representations of Islam in Early Modern England	9
79-202	Flesh and Spirit: Early Modern Europe, 1400-1750	9
79-208	The Early Modern Witch-Hunts, c. 1400-1700	3
79-296	Religion in American Politics	6
79-349	The Holocaust in Historical Perspective	9
79-350	Early Christianity	9

In addition to the courses listed above, participating departments often offer other courses that may qualify as Elective Courses for the minor. The Faculty Advisor should be consulted to identify qualifying courses (especially after the Schedule of Courses for a given semester becomes available).

In addition to courses offered at CMU, relevant courses taken at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, or other Pittsburgh institutions may count toward the Elective Requirement with the permission of the Religious Studies minor's Faculty Advisor. The option to cross-register for relevant courses at other local institutions allows students some flexibility in meeting the minor's requirements and gives them the opportunity to explore interests in religious subjects that might not otherwise be covered at CMU. Students who wish to cross-register for courses at other institutions should consult with the Faculty Advisor about whether the selected course(s) will meet the minor's Elective Requirement.

## The Minor in Science, Technology and Society

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This minor provides interdisciplinary perspectives on the development and meaning of science and technology in modern society. The core courses enable you to explore the philosophical underpinnings, cultural and historical contexts, and economic and literary assessments of the interplay among science, technology, and society. Elective courses enable you to pursue in greater depth and variety subjects and approaches that build on both the core courses and your primary major.

Courses taken to fulfill requirements in other major or minor programs may only be applied to this minor with permission of the Faculty Advisor.

### Curriculum 54 units

#### Core Courses 27 units

Complete two courses from Area 1 and one course from Area 2.

Area 1. History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Technology (18 units)

79-234	Technology in American Society	9
79-299	From Newton to the Nuclear Bomb: History of Science, 1750-1950	9
79-305	Moneyball Nation: Data in American Life	9
79-330	Medicine and Society	9

79-342	Introduction to Science and Technology Studies	9
80-220	Philosophy of Science	9
80-226	Revolutions in Science	9
Area 2. Language and Rhetoric in Science and Technology (9 units)		
76-319	Environmental Rhetoric	9
76-395	Science Writing	9
76-425	Science in the Public Sphere	9
76-476	Rhetoric of Science	9
76-492	Rhetoric of Public Policy	9
76-494	Healthcare Communications	9

#### Electives 27 units

Complete three courses from the approved list of elective courses. Courses listed in Areas 1 and 2 may also be taken as electives if not already completed for an Area requirement. To petition for a course not listed to be approved as an elective, contact the Faculty Advisor directly at [cjp1@cmu.edu](mailto:cjp1@cmu.edu).

#### Area 3. Electives

18-482	Telecommunications, Technology Policy & Management	12
48-448	History of Sustainable Architecture	9
51-326	Photography & Family	9
73-148	Environmental Economics	9
79-202	Flesh and Spirit: Early Modern Europe, 1400-1750	9
79-208	The Early Modern Witch-Hunts, c. 1400-1700	3
79-213	The American Railroad, Past & Present	6
79-283	Hungry World: Food and Famine in Global Perspective	9
79-302	Drone Warfare and Killer Robots: Ethics, Law, Politics, and Strategy	9
79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9
79-332	Medical Anthropology	9
79-335	Drug Use and Drug Policy	9
79-354	Energy & Climate: History, Science, Technology, and Policy in the US 1776-2076	9
79-381	Energy and Empire: How Fossil Fuels Changed the World	9
80-110	Nature of Mathematical Reasoning	9
80-150	Nature of Reason	9
80-214	Computing, AI, and Philosophy	9
80-221	Philosophy of Social Science	9
80-222	Measurement and Methodology	9
80-223	Causality and Probability	9
80-245	Medical Ethics	9
80-247	Ethics and Global Economics	9
80-248	Engineering Ethics	9
80-312	Philosophy of Mathematics	9
80-322	Philosophy of Physics	9
80-323	Philosophy of Biology	9
80-324	Philosophy of Economics	9
84-387	Technology and Policy of Cyber War	6
85-380	In Search of Mind: The History of Psychology	9
88-345	Perspectives on Industrial Research and Development	9
88-417	Scientific Integrity and Communication	9

## The Minor in Sociology

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The Sociology minor provides the student with a solid introduction to the central concepts in sociological theory and a grounding in the methods of empirical inquiry needed to understand societies, their histories, and how they change over time. Students choose among selected topics including social psychology, work and organizations, social networks, technology and society, medical sociology, and gender and family. Exposure to these topics will help students understand and appreciate the processes by which families, groups, and organizations form and evolve over time; by which individuals affect and are affected by the society in which they live; and by which technology and institutions shape and influence society. This background in empirical tools and social theory will strengthen students' ability to enter graduate studies in sociology, social history, social science, and organizational theory; to begin professional careers involving social analysis, network analysis, data analysis of teams, groups and organizations, social analysis within journalism, political institutions, the government; and to enter the corporate environment with a thorough understanding of organizational activity.

### Curriculum

### 54 units

In addition to the general education requirements of the student's college and the requirements of the student's major, Sociology minors must satisfy the following requirements. The Core courses comprise 18 units of the minor. One course is taken from the Organizations cluster, and one course is taken from the Methodology cluster. The Elective courses comprise 36 units of the minor. Sociology minors should consult with the program advisor to plan a course schedule prior to registration.

NOTE: The core courses are offered regularly; the elective courses are offered with at least general regularity. Participating departments may subsequently develop and offer other courses that, while not listed here, are deemed appropriate for this minor. The program advisor should be consulted (especially when the schedule of courses to be offered for a given semester becomes available) to identify such additional courses.

No more than 9 units in the Sociology minor may be counted to fulfill any other major or minor's requirements.

#### Core Courses 18 units

##### A. Organizations

Complete one course.

70-311	Organizational Behavior	9
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##### B. Methodology

Complete one course.

36-202	Methods for Statistics and Data Science	9
70-208	Regression Analysis	9
85-340	Research Methods in Social Psychology	9
88-251	Empirical Research Methods	9
88-252	Causal Inference in the Field: Using Data to Study Crime, Love, Sports & More	9

#### Elective Courses 36 units

Complete four courses (a minimum of 36 units) from the following list. Two courses (18 units) must be taken from one category to complete the depth requirement. One course (9 units) must be taken from the other category. The remaining course (9 units) may be taken from either category. Appropriate courses offered by the Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh (available during the academic year through cross-registration) may also be included as part of this option. Contact the Sociology program advisor for more information.

##### 1. Sociology of Gender, Family, and Culture

70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
79-244	Women in American History	9
79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900	9
79-308	Crime and Justice in American Film	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-323	Family, Gender, and Sexuality in European History, 500-1800	9
79-331	Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9
79-332	Medical Anthropology	9
79-343	History of American Urban Life	9
79-377	Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating	9
80-230	Ethical Theory	9

80-245	Medical Ethics	9
80-305	Choices, Decisions, and Games	9
85-241	Social Psychology	9
85-446	Psychology of Gender	9
2. Sociology of Work, Organizations, and Technology		
70-332	Business, Society and Ethics	9
70-414	Entrepreneurship for Engineers	9
73-331	Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution	9
79-342	Introduction to Science and Technology Studies	9
88-275	Bubbles: Big Data for Human Minds	9
80-341	Computers, Society and Ethics	9
88-341	Organizational Communication	9
88-402	Modeling Complex Social Systems	9
88-418	Domestic Negotiation	9
88-419	International Negotiation	9
88-435	Decision Science and Policy	9
88-451	Policy Analysis Senior Project	12
or 88-452	Policy Analysis Senior Project	

Note: Some courses have additional prerequisites.