Minors

Students must take a minimum of 18 semester credit hours for the minor, 12 of which must be upper-division semester credit hours. Students who take a minor will be expected to meet the normal prerequisites in courses making up the minor, and should maintain a minimum GPA of 2.000 on a 4.00 scale (C average). Semester credit hours may not be used to satisfy both the major and minor requirements; however, free elective semester credit hours or major preparatory classes may be used to satisfy the minor. Core courses offered by the school may count as lower-division semester credit hours toward the minor. Topics courses must be approved by the school.

The undergraduate minors in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science are the following:

Department of Computer Science

- Computer Science
- Information Assurance
- Software Engineering

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

- Nanoscience and Technology

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Minor in Computer Science: 21 semester credit hours

A minor in Computer Science requires 21 semester credit hours earned through the following courses:

- CS 1337 Computer Science I
- CS 2305 Discrete Mathematics for Computing I
- CS 2336 Computer Science II
CS 3305 Discrete Mathematics for Computing II  
CS 3345 Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis  
CS 3354 Software Engineering  
CS Elective (any 4000-level organized CS class or CS 4390)

Minor in Information Assurance: 30 semester credit hours

A minor in Information Assurance requires 30 semester credit hours earned through the following courses:

- CS 1337 Computer Science I  
- CS 2305 Discrete Mathematics for Computing I  
- CS 2336 Computer Science II  
- CS 3305 Discrete Mathematics for Computing II  
- CS 3345 Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis  
- CS 4347 Database Systems  
- CS 4348 Operating Systems Concepts  
- CS 4389 Data and Applications Security  
- CS 4393 Computer and Network Security  
- CS 4398 Digital Forensics

Minor in Software Engineering: 21 semester credit hours

A minor in Software Engineering requires 21 semester credit hours earned through the following courses:

- CS 1337 Computer Science I  
- CS 2305 Discrete Mathematics for Computing I  
- CS 2336 Computer Science II  
- SE 3306 Mathematical Foundations of Software Engineering  
- CS 3345 Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis  
- CS 3354 Software Engineering  
- SE Elective (any 4000-level organized SE class)
Department of Materials Science and Engineering

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Minor in Nanoscience and Technology: 18 semester credit hours

Goals for the Minor in Nanoscience and Technology

As the field of nanotechnology develops further, particularly in the north Texas region, The University of Texas at Dallas has an important role to play in the education of knowledge workers for the industry. The Minor in Nanoscience and Technology offered by the Department of Materials Science and Technology provides a means for undergraduate students to familiarize themselves with the concepts and principles of nanotechnology.

This minor has been designed around three core NANO designated courses, the content of which is exclusively related to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. The remaining nine semester credit hours of courses may be chosen from the list of courses below.

The contents of the courses BIOL 4461, CHEM 3322, and PHYS 4301 are similar enough that only one of these three courses may count toward the minor. In addition, several lower-division electives have been included to provide streamlined access to the available upper-division electives.

Since the three core courses are all upper-division electives, only one of the remaining nine semester credit hours must be an upper-division course, although students may choose to challenge themselves by pursuing all nine semester credit hours as upper-division electives.

In concordance with the creation of this minor, the Nanoscience (NANO) course designation would be added to the course catalog for use in designating future Nanoscience-specific courses as they are created.

Educational Objectives for the Minor in Nanoscience and Technology On completion of the Minor program, students will:

- Have a comprehensive general education background
- Have a working knowledge of nanotechnology and nanoscience principles and industry applications
- Be able to apply key concepts in materials science, chemistry, physics, biology, and engineering to the field of nanotechnology
- Understand the societal and technology issues that may impede the adoption of nanotechnology
- Have the ability to communicate effectively and work collaboratively
- Be able to become successful professionals and, if they desire, be able to pursue graduate study
- Be able to identify career paths and requisite knowledge and skills for career change towards
Requirements for the Minor in Nanoscience and Technology

A total of 18 semester credit hours are required, consisting of three core classes (9 semester credit hours) and 9 additional semester credit hours of electives.

I. Core Requirements: 9 semester credit hours

- **NANO 3301** Introduction to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- **NANO 3302** Microscopy, Spectroscopy, and Nanotech Instrumentation
- **NANO 4V95** Undergraduate Research in Nanotechnology

II. Elective Requirements: 9 semester credit hours

Students must complete at least nine semester credit hours chosen from the following courses. At least one of the courses must be upper-division (3000 or 4000):

**Nano-designated courses:**

- **NANO 3310** Introduction to Materials Science
- **NANO 4391** or **EE 4391** Technology of Plasma
- **NANO 4V95** Undergraduate Research in Nanotechnology

Any other upper-division NANO-designated course

**Lower-division courses:**

- **CHEM 2323** Introductory Organic Chemistry I
- **CHEM 2325** Introductory Organic Chemistry II
- **MATH 2451** Multivariable Calculus with Applications
- **PHYS 2303** Contemporary Physics
- **MECH 2320** Mechanics of Materials

**Upper-division courses:**

- **PHYS 4352** Concepts of Modern Physics
- **PHYS 4383** Plasma Physics
- **MECH 4360** Introduction to Nanostructured Materials
- **MECH 4370** Introduction to MEMS
- **EE 4392** Introduction to Optical Systems
- **EE 3310** Electronic Devices
EE 3311 Electronic Circuits
CHEM 4335 Polymer Chemistry
CHEM 3472 Instrumental Analysis
CHEM 4473 Physical Measurements Laboratory
CHEM 3321 Physical Chemistry I
CHEM 4355 Computational Modeling

Only one of the following courses may be used to count toward the Minor:

BIOL 4461 Biophysical Chemistry
CHEM 3322 Physical Chemistry II
PHYS 4301 Quantum Mechanics I

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