School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Minors

Minors offered by the School of Interdisciplinary Studies are available to students in all majors except for students taking the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. There is no minor offered in Interdisciplinary Studies. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies are encouraged to take any minor offered by any school at the University. Students may also contact the academic advisor in their major for a list of the courses that satisfy each minor. 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). Minors available within the School of Interdisciplinary Studies are:

- American Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Sciences
- Gender Studies
- Healthcare Studies

Minor in American Studies: 18 semester credit hours

The minor in American studies will facilitate a better understanding of American culture, economy, politics, and society.

**Required Courses: 6 semester credit hours**

- AMS 3302 American Cultures
- BIS 3320 The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry

**Electives: 12 semester credit hours**

Choose four courses from the following:

- AMS 2300 American Popular Culture
- AMS 3321 American Ethnic Experience: Immigrants Before 1945
- AMS 3322 American Ethnic Experience: Immigrants After 1945
- AMS 3326 The United States in the Twenty-First Century
- AMS 3374 Entrepreneurs in America
- AMS 4304 Communication in America
- AMS 4360 Rebels and Reformers: Women and Alcohol in America
- AMS 4379 Special Topics in American Studies
- ISIS 3335 United States and East Asia
Minor in Environmental Studies: 18 semester credit hours

This minor will provide students from all majors with a better understanding of environmental issues and the skills to analyze future environmental problems. The name "Environmental Studies" reflects the goal of this interdisciplinary minor to encourage students to learn to view environmental issues from scientific, economic, political, and social standpoints. The 18 semester credit hours of the Environmental Sciences minor enable UT Dallas students to develop expertise in this important area. The framework provides all students with a policy and science perspective and allows students to tailor the minor, through choice of electives, to their individual goals. Students will be strongly encouraged to include an Environmental Studies Internship/Project in their minor though it may not be possible for all students.

The Environmental Studies minor will be housed within the School of Interdisciplinary Studies with a Supervisory Committee consisting of Dr. Elizabeth Salter and the professors of the two required courses, Dr. Lloyd Dumas and Dr. Thomas Brikowski.

Required Foundation Courses: 6 semester credit hours

- **ECON 4336** Environmental Economic Theory and Policy
- **NATS 2333** Energy, Water, and the Environment

Electives: 12 semester credit hours

Choose four courses from the following list, or three courses from the list with one alternate course accompanied by written permission of the Supervisory Committee.

- **CHEM 4381** Green Chemistry and Green Fuels
- **ECON 4332** Energy and Natural Resources Economics
- **ECON 4333** Environmental Economics
- **GEOS 2302** The Global Environment
- **GEOS 2310** Environmental Geology
- **GEOS 2324** Energy, the Environment and Human Health
- **GEOS 2321** Geology, Resources and Environment of Latin America
- **GEOS 4V08** Special Topics in Geology or Geophysics (when topic is applicable for Environmental Studies)
- **HIST 4368** North American Environmental History
- **ISIS 3390** Costa Rica Field Trip
- **ISNS 2367** The Oceans
- **ISNS 2368** Weather and Climate
- **IPEC 3349** World Resources and Development
- **MECH 4V95** Topics in Mechanical Engineering (when topic is Introduction to Wind Energy)
Minor in Exercise Sciences: 18 semester credit hours
The minor in Exercise Sciences is ideal for students who are interested in broadening their experience and knowledge base in the study and analysis of principles related to human movement, exercise, and athletics. Students will acquire new information on key domains of the field including exercise physiology, psychological approach to health, nutrition principles, injury prevention, and treatment strategies. Specifically, the minor provides students with an introductory grounding in physiologic principles that help us understand not only how human systems respond to exercise stress, but also how the body changes with chronic exercise stress.

Required Courses: 9 semester credit hours
- HLTH 1301  Introduction to Kinesiology
- HLTH 1322  Human Nutrition
- BIOL 3370  Exercise Physiology

Upper-Division Courses: 9 semester credit hours
- BIOL 3455  Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I
- BIOL 3456  Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab II
- ECON 3315  Sports Economics
- HLTH 3101  Medical Terminology
- PHYS 3317  Physics of the Human Body
- PSY 4328  Health Psychology

Minor in Gender Studies: 18 semester credit hours
The Gender Studies minor is designed to examine the ways in that gender as a complex social construction intersects with class, race, age, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, and sexual identity; to examine the lives and experiences of groups that have been underrepresented in traditional academic work; and to acquaint students with the fundamental methodologies of women's and gender studies.

Required Courses: 6 semester credit hours
- GST 2300  Introduction to Gender Studies
  or SOC 2300  Introduction to Gender Studies
- GST 3302  Gender in Western Thought
  or HIST 3302  Gender in Western Thought

Electives: 12 semester credit hours
Choose remaining 12 semester credit hours from at least two of the distribution areas below:
Gender and Cultural Production

AMS 2300 American Popular Culture
AMS 2341 American Studies for the 21st Century
AMS 4360 Rebels and Reformers: Women and Alcohol in America
   or GST 4360 Rebels and Reformers: Women and Alcohol in America
ATCM 3321 Networked Identities
ATCM 4322 Disability, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4323 Feminism, Technology, and the Media
ATCM 4325 Race, Technology, and Media
LIT 3380 Studies in Women's Literature

Gender, Individuals, and Families

GST 3301 Psychology of Gender
   or PSY 3324 Psychology of Gender
GST 4325 Motherhood and the Technological Womb
ISIS 3310 Childhood Sexual Abuse: A Multidisciplinary Investigation
PSY 3338 Adolescence
   or CLDP 3338 Adolescence
PSY 4324 The Psychology of Prejudice
PSY 4345 Violence in the Family
   or CLDP 4345 Violence in the Family
PSY 4346 Human Sexuality
PSY 4347 Marriage and Family Psychology
   or CLDP 4347 Marriage and Family Psychology

Gender, Society, and Politics

CRIM 3324 Gender, Crime, and Justice
GST 3303 Gender, Society, and Politics
GST 4325 Motherhood and the Technological Womb
HLTH 3310 Health Care Issues: Global Perspectives
ISIS 3312 Women in Management
ISIS 4350 International Development: Cultural Impacts
PA 3379 Diversity in the Public Sector
or SOC 3379 Diversity in the Public Sector

PSCI 3353 Law and Gender
PSCI 4357 Human Rights and the Rule of Law
PSCI 4364 Civil Rights Law and Society
PSCI 4377 Women and Politics
SOC 3343 Sociology of the Family
SOC 3352 Sex, Gender and Society
SOC 4375 Gender and Work

Gender, Theory, and History

HIST 3316 Women in Traditional China
HIST 3324 Women in European Society
HIST 3384 U.S. Women from Settlement to Present
HIST 4360 Topics in American Women's History

Independent Study, Special Topics, or Honors

BIS 4V04 Internship (related to gender studies)
GST 4379 Topics in Gender Studies
GST 4381 Senior Honors Research
GST 4382 Senior Honors in Gender Studies
GST 4V80 Independent Study

Minor in Healthcare Studies: 18 semester credit hours

The Healthcare Studies minor is designed for students from any major who have an interest in pursuing a career in one of the healthcare fields. Students will learn important aspects of the health profession including appropriate terminology and the foundational elements of professionalism in the healthcare setting. Students will also gain an understanding of basic biological and medical principles related to human health and disease, the fundamental aspects of the history or philosophy of healthcare, and psychological, social, or economic issues associated with healthcare or the healthcare system in America.

This minor is well suited for traditional pre-health students (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and optometry) as well as those interested in allied health fields (physical therapy, physician assistant studies, clinical nutrition, etc.), public health, clinical psychology, and counseling. The minor in Healthcare Studies is designed for students from any major who have an interest in pursuing a career in one of the healthcare fields.

Required Courses in Health Career Development Foundations: 8 semester credit hours

HLTH 4304 Health Professions Internship
HLTH 1100  Career Explorations for the Health Professions
HLTH 3300  Pre-Health Professional Development
HLTH 3101  Medical Terminology

Electives: 10 semester credit hours
Choose two courses from the following:

Historical, Legal, and Philosophical Foundations
HIST 3328  History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine
PHIL 4320  Medical Ethics
PHIL 4321  Philosophy of Medicine
PSCI 4365  Law and Medicine

Biological Foundations
BIOL 3370  Exercise Physiology
BIOL 3455  Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I
BIOL 3456  Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab II
HLTH 1322  Human Nutrition
NSC 3344  Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing
NSC 4356  Neurophysiology
NSC 4366  Neuroanatomy

Psychological, Social and Economic Foundations
ECON 3330  Economics of Health
HLTH 3301  Issues in Geriatric Healthcare
PSY 4328  Health Psychology
PSY 4346  Human Sexuality
SOC 4372  Health and Illness
SPAN 2341  Medical Spanish

1. For the Gender Studies minor, at least 12 semester credit hours must come from upper-level courses.
2. GST/HIST 3302 is only available during the fall semester.
3. Lower division courses can only count towards 6 semester credit hours of Gender Studies minor.