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 3327](#) American Studies: Histories, Theories, Methodologies
- [AMS 2341](#) American Studies for the Twenty-First Century
  
  or [AMS 2300](#) American Popular Culture

**Electives: 12 semester credit hours**

Four additional American Studies courses (or ISIS courses with an American focus--approval required).

1. If a student has taken one of these options to fulfill core requirements, the other option must be taken to fulfill the minor requirements.
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.

The Environmental Studies minor is 18 semester credit hours. (NOTE: As per university guidelines, a maximum of six credit hours can be taken at the lower level for the minor).

Required Foundation Courses: 6 semester credit hours

Choose two courses from the following:

- **SOC 3382** or **PA 3382** Sustainable Communities
- **NATS 2333** Energy, Water, and the Environment
- **GEOS 2310** Environmental Geology
- **GEOS 2302** The Global 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.

- **Biol 3388** Honey Bee Biology
- **Chem 4381** Green Chemistry and Green Fuels
- **ECON 4333** Environmental Economics
- **ECON 4336** Environmental Economic Theory and Policy
- **ENGY 3300** or **MECO 3300** Introduction to Energy Technology
- **ENGY 3330** or **MECO 3330** Energy Economics
- **ENGY 3340** or **MECO 3340** Energy Law and Contracts
- **ENGY 4300** or **MECO 4300** Energy Land Management
- **ENVR 2302** or **GEOG 2302** The Global Environment (if not taken as a foundation course)
- **GEOS 2310** Environmental Geology (if not taken as a foundation course)
- **GEOS 2324** Energy, the Environment and Human Health
- **GISC 4310** or **IPEC 4310** Environmental and Health Policy in East Asia
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
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** or **SOC 2300** Introduction to Gender Studies
- **GST 3302** 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 Twenty-First Century
- **AMS 4360** 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 Media
- **ATCM 4325** Race, Technology, and Media

**Gender, Individuals, and Families**

- **GST 3301** or **PSY 3324** Psychology of Gender
- **GST 4325** Motherhood and the Technological Womb
- **ISIS 3310** Childhood Sexual Abuse: A Multidisciplinary Investigation
- **PSY 3338** or **CLDP 3338** Adolescence
- **PSY 4324** The Psychology of Prejudice
- **PSY 4345** or **CLDP 4345** Violence in the Family
- **PSY 4346** Human Sexuality
2. For the Gender Studies minor, at least 12 semester credit hours must come from upper-level courses.

3. GST/HIST 3302 is only available during the fall semester.

4. Lower division courses can only count towards 6 semester credit hours of Gender Studies minor.
Minor in Healthcare Studies: 18-20 semester credit hours

The minor in Healthcare Studies is designed for students from any major who have an interest in healthcare. The Healthcare Studies minor will allow students to 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 in America.

Twelve hours must be upper-division courses.

Required Courses in Health Career Development Foundations: 5 semester credit hours

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

Electives: 13-15 semester credit hours

- **BIOI 3370** Exercise Physiology
- **BIOI 3455** Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I
- **BIOI 3456** Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab II
- **ECON 3330** Economics of Health
- **HIST 3328** History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine
- **HLTH 1322** Human Nutrition
- **HLTH 3301** Issues in Geriatric Healthcare
- **NSC 4356** Neurophysiology
- **NSC 4366** Neuroanatomy
- **PHIL 3320** Medical Ethics
- **PHIL 4321** Philosophy of Medicine
- **PSY 4328** Health Psychology
- **PSY 4346** Human Sexuality
- **SOC 4372** Health and Illness