Minors

Students must complete 18 semester credit hours for the minor, at least 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. The undergraduate minors in the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication follow:

Minor in Ethnic Studies: 18 semester credit hours

Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary field that studies the histories, cultures, and intellectual and artistic traditions of people of color. It is concerned with ethnicity, race, indigeneity, racism, and resistance within the United States. It applies a critical lens to all academic knowledge domains, and, by centering previously marginalized perspectives, generates new approaches, knowledge, and methods in the study of the United States and beyond.

Required Course: 3 semester credit hours

ATCM 2325 Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Prescribed Electives: 15 semester credit hours

Students will need to take fifteen (15) additional semester credit hours from at least two of the distribution areas below.

A student may petition to count selected courses with significant ethnicity/race-related content that are not listed below. In such cases, students will have to commit to writing papers or completing final projects about ethnicity/race-related topics. Only one such course can be petitioned toward the minor.

Note: Because of pre-requisite requirements for some of the classes listed below, certain classes might not be available to all students depending on their major. Students should work with their advisors to complete their degrees and minors in as few hours as possible without going beyond their 120-degree semester credit hours.

Race, Ethnicity, and Culture:

AMS 2341 American Studies for the Twenty-First Century

AMS 3302 American Cultures

AMS 3322 American Ethnic Experience: Immigrants after 1945
AMS 4379 Special Topics in American Studies
ATCM 2321 Reading Media Critically
ATCM 2322 Media Histories
ATCM 3321 Networked Identities
ATCM 3325 Global Media Cultures
ATCM 4320 Political Economy of Digital Media
ATCM 4322 Disability, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4323 Feminism, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4325 Race, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4327 Privacy and Surveillance
LIT 2322 Survey of African-American and African Diaspora Literatures
LIT 2329 Introduction to Ethnic American Literature

The following classes may count toward the Race, Ethnicity, and Culture distribution area.1

ATCM 4334 Topics in Critical Media Studies
ATCM 4395 Advanced Topics in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Media
FILM 3325 Film Authorship
FILM 3342 Topics in Film
LIT 3316 The Literature of Science Fiction
LIT 3317 The Literature of Fantasy
LIT 3319 Contexts
LIT 3337 Comparisons
LIT 4329 Single Author
MUSI 3327 Music in Modern Culture
MUSI 3324 Jazz History: Roots to Swing
MUSI 3325 Jazz History: Modern Jazz Since BeBop

Race, Ethnicity, and Historical Perspectives:

HIST 2381 African-American History
HIST 3390 Twentieth Century African-American History
HIST 3392 U.S.- Mexico Borderlands
HIST 3394 Native American History from the Pre-Columbian Period through 1795
HIST 3395 Native American History in the Nineteenth Century
HIST 3396 Native Americans in the Twentieth Century
HIST 4345 Origins of the Jim Crow South
HIST 4357 Topics in African and African-American History
HIST 4369 Topics in Borderlands History
HIST 4386 Topics in the History of Race or Ethnicity
PHIL 4332 Philosophy of Race

The following classes may count toward the Race, Ethnicity, and Historical distribution area.¹

ARHM 3342 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts and Humanities
FILM 3321 Film in Historical Context
HIST 3306 History of Racism
HIST 3366 Themes in the Social History of the United States
HIST 4376 Topics in History
HIST 4378 Topics in American History
HIST 4380 Topics in Intellectual History

Race, Ethnicity, Society, Politics:

CRIM 4315 Race, Ethnicity, and Justice
ECON 3337 Economics of Poverty and Inequality
GEOG 3384 or PA 3384 Sustainable Food and Place
PSCI 3303 Civil Liberties
PSCI 4364 Civil Rights Law and Society
SOC 3325 Race and Ethnicity
SOC 4302 Class, Status, and Power

The following classes may count toward the Race, Ethnicity, Society, Politics distribution area.¹

PHIL 4324 Social and Political Philosophy

1. These are reviewed each semester by the Ethnic Studies Minor Committee.

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