

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Minors

Students must take a minimum of 18 semester credit hours for the minor, 12 of which must be upper-division semester credit hours. 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 Century¹

or [AMS 2300](#) American Popular Culture¹

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 semester 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](#) Sustainable Communities

or [PA 3382](#) Sustainable Communities

[NATS 2333](#) Energy, Water, and the Environment

[GEOS 2302](#) The Global Environment

[ISIS 3334](#) Environment in America

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

[ECON 4333](#) Environmental Economics

[ECON 4336](#) Environmental Economic Theory and Policy

[ENGY 3330](#) Energy Economics

or [MECO 3330](#) Energy Economics

[ENGY 3340](#) Energy Law and Contracts

or [MECO 3340](#) Energy Law and Contracts

[ENGY 4300](#) Energy Land Management

or [MECO 4300](#) Energy Land Management

[ENVR 2302](#) The Global Environment

or [GEOG 2302](#) The Global Environment

[GEOS 2310](#) Environmental Geology (if not taken as a foundation course)

[GISC 4310](#) Environmental and Health Policy in East Asia

or [IPEC 4310](#) Environmental and Health Policy in East Asia

[GISC 4384](#) Health and Environmental GIS

or [IPEC 4384](#) Health and Environmental Policy: A Global Perspective

[GISC 4386](#) Climate Change and Sustainable Solutions

[HIST 3368](#) North American Environmental History

[HLTH 4307](#) Climate Change in Healthcare

[IPEC 3349](#) World Resources and Development

[ISNS 2367](#) The Oceans

[ISNS 2368](#) Weather and Climate

[MECH 4V95](#) Topics in Mechanical Engineering (when topic is Introduction to Wind Energy)

[PA 3377](#) Urban Planning and Policy

or [GEOG 3377](#) Urban Planning and Policy

[PSCI 4304](#) Energy and Environmental Politics and Policy

[PSCI 4396](#) Selected Topics in Government and Politics (when topic is environmental policy or related)

Students may also select an Independent Study (with approval)

Students may also select an Internship (with approval)

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

[PSY 4328](#) Health Psychology

Minor in Gender Studies

18 semester credit hours²

The Gender Studies minor is designed to examine gender as a complex social construction that intersects with class, race, age, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, and sexual identity; to study 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/ gender/sexuality 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 Thought³

or [HIST 3302](#) Gender in Western Thought³

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 Culture⁴

[AMS 2341](#) American Studies for the Twenty-First Century⁴

[AMS 4360](#) Gender and Alcohol in America

or [GST 4360](#) Gender 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](#) Psychology of Gender

or [PSY 3324](#) Psychology of Gender

[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

[HLTH 3306](#) Gender in Healthcare

[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

[PPOL 4314](#) Family Violence and Public Policy

[PSCI 3353](#) Law and Gender

[PSCI 4357](#) Human Rights

[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 2384](#) U.S. Women from Settlement to Present

[HIST 3324](#) Women in Modern European Society

[HIST 3325](#) Middle Eastern Women's History

[HIST 4343](#) Islamic Feminism

or [RELS 4334](#) Islamic Feminism

[HIST 4360](#) Topics in American Women's History

[HIST 4379](#) Topics in Women's and Gender History

[PHIL 4333](#) Feminist Philosophy

Independent Study, Special Topics, or Honors

[BIS 4V04](#) Internship (related to gender studies)

[GST 4379](#) Special Topics in Gender Studies

[GST 4381](#) Senior Honors Research

[GST 4382](#) Senior Honors in Gender Studies

[GST 4V80](#) Independent Study

2. For the Gender Studies minor, at least 12 semester credit hours must come from upper-level courses.

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

4. Only Honors sections of AMS 2300 or AMS 2341 count towards the 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 semester credit 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

[BIOL 3370](#) Exercise Physiology

[BIOL 3455](#) Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I

[BIOL 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

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