

**Proposal for an
Independent Minor
in the College of Arts and Sciences**

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Letter of Explanation

Among the many fields of study present in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami, some have majors, others have minors, still others both majors and minors. Other areas offer enough courses at any one time for a student to complete a minor but no such path exists, and administrative and budgetary constraints might make it unwise to prepare a full-fledged minor to include in the Bulletin. In order to allow maximum flexibility for students to pursue minors where classes exist but formalized paths do not, the College proposes the creation of an Independent Minor

Its features are:

- At least 15 graded credits
- One faculty member as point of contact and advisor
- Only available for fields that currently do not have a major in the College or elsewhere at the University of Miami
- Students can declare this minor starting with their second semester at UM and no later than the end of their junior year. A minimum GPA for 2.5 is required to declare this minor. An average of 2.5 is required to continue in the minor
- Vetting of proposal by the Dean or the Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, who will consult with the chairpersons of all departments involved in the Independent Minor.

This minor will require students to work closely with a faculty member to select the appropriate courses at a level consistent with each field of study. Given this important element, students will not be able to apply more than two courses (6 credits) already taken to their minor.

In the recent past (AY 15-16 and AY 16-17 to date), students have inquired about minors in: Chinese (10+ inquiries); Japanese (7 inquiries); Forensics (3 inquiries); Cognitive Science (5 inquiries); Animal Studies (2 inquiries). All the above could be completed with the courses routinely offered in the College and elsewhere at UM.

Example: Chinese Studies, including CHI203, CHI310, HIS315, HIS316, POL544

No impact on resources is projected occur. Courses are routinely offered on the basis of existing library collections and faculty expertise.



Independent Minor Application Form

Applicants for the Independent Major in the College of Arts and Science must submit this form, signed by a faculty member, alongside the Program Change Form indicating the addition of the Independent Minor. First-year students, turn it in in Ashe112; everyone else, in Ashe200.

To apply, you must have completed at least one semester and still have at least two semesters at UM.

Name

C#

Date

Local Address

Phone

Current GPA

City, State, ZIP

E-Mail

PROPOSED CURRICULUM

Please list five courses that will make up your Independent Minor. List as well any pre-requisites that are necessary in order for you to enroll in the courses that you have proposed as your program of study. In all cases, you'll need to include department, number, and title, and star (*) those you have already completed or begun.

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Pre-requisites:

Please identify the Cognate Area of the proposed Independent Minor:

_____ A&H

_____ P&S

_____ STEM

RATIONALE for your Independent Minor

Please provide a short paragraph summarizing the rationale for your Minor

The Undersigned faculty member takes responsibility for the courses included in this proposal and will continue to mentor the student throughout the curriculum for the Independent Minor:

Name

Signature