

University of Detroit Mercy
Academic Standards for Minors

The University of Detroit Mercy recognizes that a minor is a specific area of study that a student may pursue in addition to their major. A student's minor or minors are attached to the student's major. If a student has more than one major, the student's minor or minors are attached to his/her primary major.

To maintain academic integrity, the University has established the following policy regarding minors.

Policies

- All UDM minors are expected to conform to the standards herein.
- All coursework required for a UDM minor must be offered by faculty associated with an academic department or academic unit at UDM.
- All minors shall be subject to the normal Program Review process.

Rules and Regulations

A. Declaration of a Minor

1. The student must declare a major before declaring a minor.
2. Students should declare a minor by the first semester of their junior year.
3. A minor must be certified at the same time that the major(s) is certified for graduation.
4. A minor cannot be added after graduation.
5. Upon successful completion, minors are listed on a student's final transcript but are not listed on the diploma.

B. Number of Minors Allowable

1. Students may complete a maximum of two majors and a maximum of two minors as part of one degree program at UDM.
2. A student is not required to complete a minor.

C. Subject Areas for Majors and Minors

1. Programs do not have to offer minors for every major.
2. A program can offer a minor without offering a major.
3. Students can minor in areas outside the college/school of their major(s).
4. Normally students cannot be awarded a minor in a field in which they are earning or have already earned a bachelor's degree.

D. Minimum number of credits required for Minor

1. A minimum of 18 credits is required for a minor.

E. How courses are counted towards Majors and Minors

1. At most, 6 credit hours may be counted toward both the major and the minor.
Exception to this rule: if the minor requires 4-credit hour courses then, at most, 8 credit hours (two courses) may be counted toward both the major and the minor.

2. At most, 3 credit hours may be counted towards two separate minors.

F. GPA requirement in the Minor

1. Students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in all minor courses in order for the minor to be earned and posted on the official transcript at the time of graduation.

G. Prerequisites

1. Prerequisites may be required for some minor courses.

H. Level of Courses required for Minor

1. At least half of the courses within the minor must be upper division courses (300+ level).

I. Pass/Fail

1. No course required for the minor can be taken on a pass/fail basis.

J. Residency Requirements

1. At least 12 credits (or 4 courses) of the courses required for the minor must be taken at UDM unless the courses are taken as part of a consortium agreement.

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