

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MINOR

The Individually Designed Minor (IDM) is a nondepartmental, interdisciplinary minor for students with academic interests that are not met by the minors currently offered by the college. An IDM may not be a program of narrow professional training. Rather, it must lead to an intensive investigation of some broad area of human knowledge which is not covered by a single departmental discipline. At the same time, an IDM should not consist of a grouping of loosely associated courses; rather it should be a carefully crafted, coherent curriculum allowing the student to concentrate in a unique area of study. An application to pursue an IDM is required; see details in the table below. For more information, contact cas@uvm.edu.

REQUIREMENTS

18-20 credits in minor courses, including:

Requirement Description	Credits
APPLICATION	
An application to pursue an IDM should be approved by the CAS associate dean responsible for IDM advising, subject to the oversight of the CAS Curriculum Committee, before the end of the candidate's junior year and before 9 credits of the proposed major are completed or begun.	
To accommodate the possibility that selected courses may not be offered at a given time, a student's application should include 1 alternate course in the core and 1 alternate course in the elective list.	
FACULTY SPONSOR. Students must have a faculty sponsor to have their application for an IDM approved.	
COURSES	
CORE. At least 9 credits at the 2000-level or above.	9
ELECTIVES. At least 9 credits.	9
ADDITIONAL CREDITS. Up to 2 additional credits.	0-2
COURSE RESTRICTIONS	
No more than 6 credits of Internship (x991), Independent Study (x993), and/or Undergraduate Research (x995) may be included in the minor.	
No more than 6 credits may come from subject prefixes offered outside the College of Arts and Sciences.	

PRE/CO-REQUISITES

Introductory and intermediate courses for various subject areas may be necessary to reach some of the courses that can be applied to the minor.

OTHER INFORMATION

In the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), only one course may overlap between a major and a minor or between two minors.

Courses for the minor and/or its pre/co-requisites that are cross-listed in the catalog or schedule of courses under another course prefix may be taken under that other prefix and still count for these requirements.

With the approval of the chair/director, courses that applied to the minor in previous years but have since been deactivated may be applied to this year's minor requirements if they are reactivated.

For a Bachelor of Arts degree, no more than 45 credits in courses with the same departmental prefix may be used toward completion of the 120 credits required for graduation. For a Bachelor of Science degree, the maximum is 50 credits.

At least half of the credits used to complete minor requirements must be taken at the University of Vermont.