Nonprofit Studies

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The nonprofit studies minor prepares students from a variety of disciplines to understand the unique role of nonprofit organizations in American society today. Emphasis is placed on history, theory, legal issues and management topics. The minor includes a capstone seminar and a field experience in a nonprofit agency with the focus to be determined in conjunction with the adviser.

Required Courses  Credit Hours
NPS 300. Introduction to Nonprofits  1  3
NPS 320. Nonprofit Management  1  3
NPS 400. Internship/Practicum in Nonprofit Studies  1  4-6
NPS 450. Nonprofit Studies Capstone Seminar  1  3
Major elective (discipline specific)  2  3
Elective  2  3

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1 Course has one or more prerequisites.
2 A course to be determined in consultation with the nonprofit studies adviser.

Political Communication

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The program in political communication is designed for those students wishing to supplement their major programs with an emphasis on communication skills, knowledge and abilities specifically relevant to participation in political environments. Students must complete a core set of courses, an internship in the field of political communication and a selection of electives.

All political communication minors are required to take a PCOM internship in the Department of Political Science or the Department of Communication Studies. Before enrolling for a PCOM internship, students should have junior status, completed the PCOM core requirements and taken at least one upper level PCOM course.

Some academic units may have additional prerequisites for their internship course. All PCOM majors with a minor in PCOM are required to take SCOM 495 for their PCOM internship requirement (and to have met the prerequisites for this course). POSC, INTA, and PPA majors minoring in PCOM must complete POSC 495 to fulfill the internship requirement. All other majors may take either POSC 495 or SCOM 318 as a means of satisfying their internship. Before pursuing any internship, students must consult with the PCOM coordinator to ensure that the internship is suitable for the minor.

For majors in SCOM or SMAD who minor in PCOM, a maximum of six credits of course work from the minor can be counted toward the requirements for their major. There is no limit on double counting between the POSC major and the PCOM minor. All students must complete 25-26 credit hours for the minor.

Required Courses  Credit Hours
POSC 225. U.S. Government  4
POSC/SCOM/SMAD 472. Media and Politics (London only)  3
(note that 472L will not count toward this requirement)
SCOM 240. Introduction to Communication Theory  2
SCOM 241. Communication Theory Lab  1
(taken concurrently with SCOM 240)

Choose one of the following:

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POSC, PPA and INTA majors:
POSC 495. Internship (4 credits)
SCOM majors:
SCOM 495. Internship (3 credits)
Non-POSC, Non-PPA, Non-INTA and Non-SCOM majors:
POSC 495. Internship (4 credits) or
SCOM 318. Practicum in Communication Studies (4 credits)

Choose one of the following:

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POSC 365. American Political Campaigning
POSC 369. Parties and Elections

Choose one of the following:

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SCOM 353. Political Communication
SCOM 453. Political Campaign Communication

Choose two of the following:

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POSC 362. Political Behavior
POSC 368. Interest Groups and Public Policy
POSC 383. Women and Politics
POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
SCOM 341. Persuasion (SCOM majors only)
SCOM 346. Free Speech in America
SCOM 352. Communication and Social Movements
SCOM 354. Communication, Environment and Environmentalism
SCOM 431. Legal Communication

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Russian Studies

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This minor offers students a broad, cross disciplinary perspective on Russian culture, history, political institutions, economy and geography. This program deepens the students’ understanding and knowledge of the Russian and non-Russian peoples of the former Soviet Union, and prepares them for careers in teaching, government and international business.

The Russian Studies minor requires 18 credits. Students should take courses in at least three different disciplines from the following list:

Courses  Credit Hours
ECON 301. Economies in Transition
GEOG 333. Russian and the Former USSR
HIST 385. Russia to 1855
HIST 386. Russia Since 1855
HIST 475. Modern Russia
POSC 337. Russia and Post-Soviet Politics
RUS 256/GHUM 209. Russian Literature in Translation/Great Works
RUS 300. Russian Grammar and Communication
RUS 308. Introduction to Russian Civilization
RUS 315. Russian Phonetics