Creative Writing
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The cross disciplinary minor in creative writing is designed to give students an opportunity to develop their writing talents across a number of literary forms and communication contexts. By developing course selections in poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction matched with those in stage and screenplay writing, students may tailor the program to suit a variety of artistic and professional interests. The choice of at least one course from a group involving literary analysis and media criticism ensures perspective on current issues affecting readers and viewers, writers and their creative works.

The minimum requirement for a minor in creative writing is 18 hours. Two courses may be double-counted between the minor and the major. Students electing this minor may acquire more information from the creative writing adviser of the Department of English, the School of Media Arts and Design, or the School of Theatre and Dance.

Required Courses Credit Hours
Select four or five core courses from two or more departments:
ENG 391. Introduction to Creative Writing – Nonfiction 3
ENG 392. Introduction to Creative Writing – Poetry 3
ENG 393. Introduction to Creative Writing – Fiction 3
ENG 483. Advanced Creative Nonfiction 3
ENG 484. Advanced Poetry Writing 3
ENG 485. Advanced Fiction Writing 3
SMAD 250. Scriptwriting (subject to availability) 3
SMAD 251. Screenplay Writing 3
SMAD 311. Feature Writing 3
SMAD 340. Advanced Screenplay Writing 3
SMAD 498. Senior Seminar (when topic is appropriate) 3
THEA 440. Seminar in Theatre (when topic is appropriate) 3
THEA 447. Advanced Playwriting 3

Select one or two courses from the following:
ENG 483. Narrative Form 3
ENG 484. Poetic Craft and Creativity 3
ENG 485. Advanced Topics in Creative Writing 3
SMAD 373. Media Analysis and Criticism 3
SMAD 463. Film Adaptations 3
THEA 481. Theory and Performance Studies 3

1 Students must check with the professor or Creative Writing Coordinator to see if these courses are appropriate for this minor.

Criminal Justice
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The cross disciplinary minor in criminal justice is designed for students who are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, judicial administration or other areas related to the study or management of crime, either directly upon graduation or after further graduate training. The requirement for a minor in criminal justice is 21 credits.

Required Courses Credit Hours
CRJU 215. Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
CRJU 225. Ethics in Criminal Justice 3
Choose at least one course from each of the following units:
Human Behavior 3
SOC 214. Social Deviance 3
SOC 327. Juvenile Delinquency 3
SOC/CRJU 325. Criminology

Environmental Information Systems
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The cross disciplinary minor in environmental information systems is designed for undergraduates interested in using computer and information management technology to solve environmental problems and improve environmental stewardship. Some examples of environmental information systems are database systems to track and report hazardous materials in factories, decision support systems to facilitate risk analysis and management, GIS-based natural resource inventory systems, and automated business management systems to support and document environmental compliance.

The environmental information systems minor requires a minimum of 24 credit hours. Core courses are intended to ensure knowledge of the foundation disciplines. Electives should be chosen in consideration of the student’s particular interests within the general field of environmental information systems. At least one elective course must be outside of the student’s major. Students are advised to check prerequisites of listed courses.

Required Courses Credit Hours
Core Courses 16
CS 139. Algorithm Development 3
ISAT 340. Software Development 3
ISAT 320. Fundamentals of Environmental Science and Technology I 3
ISAT 321. Fundamentals of Environmental Science and Technology II 3
GEOG 215. Geospatial Tools I – Cartography and GIS 3
Elective Courses 8
CIS/MS 364. Decision Support Systems 3
CS 239. Advanced Computer Programming 3
CS 474. Database Design and Application 3
GEOG 216. Geospatial Tools II – Remote Sensing and GPS 3
GEOG 366. Introduction to Geographic Information Science 3
GEOG 385. Principles of Remote Sensing 3
GEOG 466. GIS and Geographic Databases 3
ISAT 341. Modeling and Simulation 3
ISAT 420. Environmental Analysis and Modeling 3
ISAT 426. Environmental Information Systems 3

1 Or equivalent by permission of director.

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