

Proposed FCAS Policy pertaining to Minors

University of Washington minors must meet the following guidelines to be considered for approval.

1. 25-35 credits.
2. A minimum of 50% or 15 credits, whichever is greater, of 300/400 level courses.
3. A student can not receive a minor in their major. *
4. A minimum of 50% or 15 credits, whichever is greater, must be completed in residence at the UW. [\(Do you want to also establish a campus residency as well?\)](#)
5. A minimum of a cumulative 2.0 GPA for courses applied to the minor, higher grade and GPA requirements are subject to additional review.
6. Courses taken Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory will not be counted toward a minor.
7. Students must declare a major and have completed a minimum of 45 credits before declaring a minor.
8. Students must have the major advisor sign off on minor declaration paperwork.

*** Interdisciplinary Minors**

Interdisciplinary minors are minors that are composed of courses and content that come from more than one area of study. They were created because students are not allowed to minor in their major, but at times the content overlap between the major and an Interdisciplinary minor is unavoidable. To ensure that students are satisfying the intention of the rule disallowing a student to minor in their major, FCAS created the following additional guidelines.

1) Interdisciplinary minors must require that 60% of the coursework applied to the minor is taken outside of the student's major requirements. This means these classes may not apply both to the satisfying major requirements and interdisciplinary minor requirements. Note: These credits can count towards the 180 credits required for graduation.

2) The minor should include some type of Capstone/Colloquium/Seminar/Cumulating experience.