Minor and Certificate Programs

Transcript-Recognized Minor Programs

The transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minor must be completed in conjunction with an undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin; students pursuing an integrated undergraduate/graduate program must complete the requirements for the minor within one year after completing the undergraduate requirements of their program.

Minors in all areas except foreign languages. Transcript-recognized undergraduate minors require a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in the minor area, but may not require more than 18 hours. None of the specified coursework from the minor can include unnumbered topics courses. Minors must include a minimum of six hours of upper division coursework.

Minors in foreign languages. Transcript-recognized undergraduate minors in foreign languages require a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in the minor area, but may not require more than 21 hours. None of the specified coursework from the minor can include unnumbered topics courses. Minors must include a minimum of nine hours beyond first year competence in the language, including at least three hours of upper division coursework.

At least half of the required coursework in the minor must be completed in residence at The University of Texas at Austin.

A student may not earn a minor in the same field of study as his or her major, and at least nine of the hours required for the minor must include coursework not used to satisfy the requirements of the student's major. However, courses in the minor may fulfill other degree requirements such as general education requirements or required elective hours.

Transcript recognition is awarded at the time of undergraduate degree completion.

Minors

Each of the following transcript-recognized minor programs is described in the catalog section for the college that sponsors it.

School of Architecture
  • Architectural History
  • Architectural Studies
  • Interior Design
  • Landscape Studies

McCombs School of Business
  • Accounting
  • Accounting for Business Economics Option Program
  • Analytics and the Business of Sports
  • Business Analytics
  • Business and Public Policy
  • Business
  • Energy Management
  • Entrepreneurship
  • Finance
  • Finance for Business Economics Option Program
  • Global Management
  • Healthcare Industry Reform and Innovation
  • International Business
  • Leadership in Global Sustainability
  • Management
  • Management Information Systems
  • Marketing
  • National Security and International Business
  • Professional Sales and Business Development
  • Real Estate
  • Risk Management
  • Supply Chain Management
  • Wealth Management

Moody College of Communication
  • Communicating for Development and Philanthropy
  • Communicating Social Issues
  • Communication Studies
  • Global Communication
  • Health Communication
  • Journalism and Media
  • Latino Media Arts and Studies
  • Media and Entertainment Industries
  • Media Studies
  • Professional Sales and Business Development
  • Science Communication
  • Sports Media

College of Education
  • Educational Psychology
  • Kinesiology and Health Education
  • Urban Teachers

Cockrell School of Engineering
  • Materials Science and Engineering
  • Sustainable Energy

College of Fine Arts
  • Art History
  • Arts Management and Administration
  • Studio Art

Jackson School of Geosciences
  • Computational Geosciences
  • Geosciences
  • Hydrology
  • Sedimentology and Earth Surface Processes

School of Information
  • Informatics

College of Liberal Arts
  • African and African Diaspora Studies
  • American Sign Language Studies
  • American Studies
Transcript-Recognized Certificate Programs

Transcript-recognized certificate programs offer interdisciplinary curricula that support and extend a student’s major or curricula in a specific academic or technical field that support a student’s educational goals. Undergraduates who complete certificate requirements in conjunction with their degree requirements or within one year after earning the degree receive recognition on the University transcript; students in integrated undergraduate/graduate programs must complete certificate requirements within one year after they complete their undergraduate degree requirements. Transcript-recognized undergraduate academic certificate programs require a minimum of 18 hours of certificate course work but may not require more than 24 hours. A maximum of nine hours of certificate coursework may be taken after the student has earned the undergraduate degree. At least half of the required certificate coursework must be completed in residence at the University.

A student may not earn a certificate in the same field as his or her major, and at least one certificate course must be outside the requirements of the major. However, certificate courses outside the major may be counted toward other degree requirements.

Students should apply for the certificate when they apply for graduation or when they complete the certificate program, whichever is later. Transcript recognition is awarded at the end of that semester or summer session.

The above requirements do not apply to Extended Campus students who are not seeking a degree from The University of Texas at Austin. For Extended Campus students, all of the required course work in a certificate program must be University of Texas at Austin credit, unless otherwise specified for a specific program. Extended Campus students apply for transcript recognition at the time of certificate completion and transcript recognition is awarded at that time.

Not all transcript-recognized certificate programs are available to Extended Campus students. More information about certificate programs available through TEXAS Extended Campus (TEC), including related policies, is on the TEC website.

Certificates

Each of the following transcript-recognized certificate programs is described in the catalog section for the college that sponsors it. Certificate programs that do not lead to transcript recognition are also described in the following sections of this catalog.

School of Undergraduate Studies

- Children and Society
- Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies
- Design Strategies
- Digital Arts and Media
• Environment and Sustainability
• Ethics and Leadership in Business
• Ethics and Leadership in Health Care
• Ethics and Leadership in Law, Politics, and Government
• Human Rights and Social Justice
• Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship
• Museum Studies
• Patients, Practitioners, and Cultures of Care
• Public Policy
• Smart Cities
• Social Entrepreneurship and Nonprofits
• Social Inequality, Health, and Policy

McCombs School of Business

• The McCombs School of Business does not offer any certificates.

School of Engineering

• Computational Science and Engineering
• Humanitarian Engineering
• National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges Scholars Program

Jackson School of Geosciences

• Computational Science and Engineering

School of Information

• Digital Humanities

College of Liberal Arts

• African Studies
• Business Spanish
• Computational Science and Engineering
• Core Texts and Ideas
• Creative Writing
• Digital Humanities
• German
• History and Philosophy of Science
• Ibero-American Cultural Diversity
• Indigenous Studies
• Japanese
• Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Sexualities Studies
• Security Studies
• Spanish for Medical Professions

College of Natural Sciences

• Applied Statistical Modeling
• Computational Science and Engineering
• Elements of Computing
• Evidence and Inquiry
• Food and Society
• Forensic Science
• Marine Science
• Pre-Health Professions
• Quantum Information Science
• Scientific Computation and Data Sciences
• Textile Conservation and Museum Studies

• UTeach-Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching Option
• UTeach-Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching Option Accelerated Track
• UTeach Teacher Certification

School of Social Work

• Public Safety

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