

DECLARING A MINOR

A minor implies some special competence or knowledge beyond the core requirements for a baccalaureate degree and knowledge and/or competence beyond the student's declared major. While the institution offers several prescribed minors, students may also develop minors in other disciplines/areas in consultation with the respective Department Chair, provided the minor meets the minimum requirements. The Department Chair and University Registrar share approval over the name of the minor. Students may elect to earn a minor by submitting a completed Declaration of Minor or Certificate Form to the Registrar's Office that has been approved by the appropriate personnel.

A declared minor consists of a minimum of 15 credits in a discipline or set of interrelated courses with a minimum of one course being designated as an upper-level course (300 or 400-level course number) while at least two courses may not be used to meet a Core Curriculum or major requirement. Students can transfer up to six credits of coursework towards their minor; however, a minimum of nine credits of their minor coursework, including an upper-level course (300 or 400-level course number), must be completed at Bay Path.

Declaring a minor can require additional coursework beyond that of a single degree program, students may need to enroll in extra terms as an undergraduate student to complete the additional coursework needed to earn both their major and minor. The program of study for the major and minor must be carefully developed by the student in consultation with the appropriate personnel from both departments to ensure that the student can complete all the requirements in a timely fashion. The University cannot guarantee the offering of courses for students to earn a minor in a timely manner.

Students must earn a 2.75 cumulative GPA in their minor coursework with no grades below C-. Students who successfully complete a minor do not receive a diploma or certificate; however, the minor is formally recognized on their academic record/transcript.