

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: 3/18/2024

Submitted by: Kelly Erby, x. 2018

Subject: Program Change: Requirements Common to All CAS Minors and Certificates

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Financial Implications: None indicated.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

Request for Action: Approval by AAC/FS/ Gen Fac/WUBOR

Approved by: AAC on 3/18/2024

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments: **Yes** **X** No **_**

New Proposal

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Changes proposed by: Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman)

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Supporting Documents	Program Change - Feb20 _Interdisciplinary_ Minors_ Certificates (2).pdf
Reviewer Comments	Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (03/19/24 9:01 am): Approved in 3/18/24 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting.

In Workflow

- 1. AA Committee
- 2. Faculty Senate
- 3. General Faculty
- 4. Final Acad Ops
- 5. Registrar

Approval Path

- 1. 03/19/24 9:01 am
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Exact proposed catalog description:

~~Optional~~ Departmental Minor

A ~~Optional~~ departmental minor ~~for the Bachelor of Arts degree~~ in the College of Arts and Sciences shall consist of no less than 15 hours in one discipline as specified by the department. Of these, at least 6 hours must be at the upper-division level. Students must have a grade of C or better in each course in the minor. A minimum of six hours used to meet the minor requirements must be earned in residence at Washburn University.

Interdisciplinary Minor

An interdisciplinary minor in the College of Arts and Sciences shall consist of no less than 15 hours in at least two different disciplines as specified by the minor program. Of these, at least 9 credit hours must be outside of the major discipline. Students must have a grade of C or better in each course in the minor. A minimum of six hours used to meet the minor requirements must be earned in residence at Washburn University.

Certificates

A certificate in the College of Arts and Sciences shall consist of at least 9 credit hours. Students must have a grade of C or better in each course for the certificate. A minimum of six hours used to meet the certificate requirements must be earned in residence at Washburn University.

Financial Implications:

None

Are any other departments affected by this program change?

Yes, all departments with minors will be affected.