

## **Liberal Arts Minor**

Below are some of the basic elements of the Liberal Arts Minor:

- The Liberal Arts Minor consists of a minimum of 14 credits: 12 credits taken in the selected area (beyond the 2 prerequisite courses), plus 2 credits for an independent Capstone Project. Typically students would apply at least 6 of the 9 required two-credit Liberal Arts electives to their area of focus; however, some students might need to take fewer electives if they use any of the 3-credit language courses to craft an area of focus.
- Students completing the Minor would thus take 23 credits in the Liberal Arts (the 21 required for all undergraduates plus two credits for the Capstone Project).
- Students can declare their intent to complete the Liberal Arts Minor after they have completed their Liberal Arts prerequisites, thus as early as January of their freshman year. Students must declare the Minor by the end of sophomore year. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Declaration of the Liberal Arts Minor is initiated with the Liberal Arts department Chair upon recommendation from a selected Liberal Arts Minor Faculty Advisor.
- Students declaring the Minor will work closely with their Liberal Arts Minor Advisor and their academic advisors to ensure that they are able to complete the Minor requirements.
- All students will conclude studies in their Minor with a Capstone Project, a two-credit semester-long Independent Study in which students can explore the focus of their Minors through the completion of a scholarly research project, or a creative project (e.g. a multidisciplinary display of visual art, sculpture, poetry, drama, and music), or some combination of scholarly and creative work. Students will present their Capstone Projects at a scheduled event at an NEC venue, such as Pierce Hall.

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