

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 16-97

MINORS IN DEGREE PROGRAMS

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Minors in an academic discipline will be granted to students who have completed the requirements established by academic units at Michigan Technological University. The Minor will be duly noted on official transcripts. The purpose of a Minor is to give recognition that the student has actively and consciously engaged the intellectual issues central to the discipline of the Minor. Undergraduate requirements and special provisions for each Minor will be listed and defined by each academic unit offering the Minor. Minors offered in cross-disciplinary areas must originate in a designated department, school, or multidisciplinary program as recognized by the University.

The Minor will require at least 24 quarter credit hours (16 semester credit hours), no more than 9 (6 semester credit hours) of which will be 100 or 200 level courses. The Minor must include at least 9 quarter credit hours (6 semester credit hours) of 300 level or higher courses which are not required for their Major degree except as free electives. The academic unit offering the Minor determines specific courses fulfilling the requirement. A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 is required for courses in the Minor. Because of this requirement, no course in the Minor program may be taken with a Pass/Fail grade.

It is the responsibility of the students desiring a Minor to indicate their intention to complete the requirements to Degree Services no later than the time when degree audits are filed with the Registrar's Office. It is recommended that students consider Minors as early as possible in their program of study.

Faculty Endorsement and University Approval of a New Minor

The offering of a Minor may be initiated by any department, school, or multidisciplinary program (as recognized by the University). The specifics of each Minor will be determined by the faculty within that unit.

The process of approval will be similar to certificates. The department, school, or multidisciplinary program will submit the proposed Minor to the Senate Curricular Policy Committee. The Senate Curricular Policy Committee will review the proposal and make positive recommendations to the Senate. The Senate will review the Minor and make its positive recommendation to the Provost. The Provost will, in turn, make positive recommendations to the President who has the final responsibility for approving any new Minor. (Negative recommendations will not be passed forward.)

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