

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 22-04

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL 16-97, MINORS IN DEGREE PROGRAMS

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Minors in an academic discipline are granted to students matriculating in a Bachelors degree program who have completed the requirements established by academic units at Michigan Technological University. Minors are noted on diplomas and 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 are 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. Students may not take a Minor with the same title as their Major or Major Concentration.

Minors require a minimum of 16 credit hours. Of these 16 credit hours no more than 6 credit hours may be 1000 or 2000 level courses. For minors exceeding 16 credits, the additional credits beyond 16 may be at any level. Each Minor must include at least 6 credit hours of 3000 level or higher courses which are not required for a student's Major degree except as free electives. Elective courses that have been selected by a student from a prepared list or by required consultation with a Major advisor in a Baccalaureate program are not free electives. A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 is required for courses in the Minor.

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

Minors may be proposed by any department, school, or multidisciplinary program recognized by the University. The specifics of each Minor are determined by the faculty within that unit. Independent study, project, research, and pass/fail courses may be used in Minors as appropriate. Minors may be designed for students majoring within the initiating academic unit, for students majoring in other academic units, or both. To assist students in making decisions about Minors, prerequisite courses must be either included in the Minor program, or listed as a footnote in the proposal. Prerequisites listed as a footnote need not have their credits counted in the Minor total.

Minors will be submitted to the Senate by the Provost after administrative review.

Adopted by Senate: 25 February 2004

Approved by President: 3 March 2004