

Western Intellectual Tradition, a Minor

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Western Intellectual Tradition – Minor

This minor is designed to appeal not only to majors in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics, but to a cross section of students in major programs throughout the university community. It focuses on the major accomplishments of the Western intellectual tradition through courses that trace the development of literary expression, philosophical, and scientific thought, and historical understanding from their beginnings to the modern world. Courses in the minor provide direct experience with significant works of the Western tradition, and also expose students to crucial ideas and themes that shaped Western thought and culture. Such exposure cultivates the intellectual skills of analysis and creative expression, and promotes an understanding of the inherent intellectual debate and diversity within the Western intellectual tradition.

Prerequisites. Students must complete the second quarter of calculus (MATH 142 or MATH 162 or MATH 182) *or* the fourth quarter of a foreign language (FR 121, GER 121, SPAN 121) or equivalent. The prerequisites reflect the centrality of both mathematics and language to the Western intellectual tradition. Mathematics pervades the modern world and has a particularly close connection with the human capacity for learning. To study a language other than English is to study English as well, and promotes insight into language in general as the articulation of experience and the discourse of reason.

Courses used to satisfy the required 12 units in Group A and 16 in Group B must be chosen outside the student's major and from at least two disciplines in each group.

	<i>Units</i>
* Satisfies General Education requirement	
Group A	12
<i>Select 12 units from the following:</i>	
Great Books World Literature (C1)*:	
ENGL 251, 252, 253	
Western Civilization:	
HIST 110 or 111	
Philosophical Classics (C2)*:	
PHIL 230 or 231	
Any PHYS 100-level course	
PHYS 211 Modern Physics I (4)	
POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought (4)	
Group B	16
<i>Select 16 units from the following:</i>	
BIO 414 Evolution (4)	
American Literature (C4)*:	
ENGL 340, 341, 342	
British Literature (C4)*:	
ENGL 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335	
Shakespeare (C4)*:	
ENGL 338 or 339	
History:	
HIST 307 (D5)*, 436, 451, 452, 453, 454	
MATH 419 Introduction to the History of Mathematics (4)	
Philosophy (C4)*:	
PHIL 309, 310, 311 , 312, 313, 314, 315, 332	
PHIL 421 Philosophy of Space, Time and Matter, PHIL 429	
Political Thought:	
POLS 329, 330, 348, 349 (D5)*	
Language and Literature:	
SPAN 416 Don Quixote (4)	
FR/GER/SPAN 305	
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