

Winter 2024 and Summer 2025 Minors and Certificates - CLA

Minors and Certificates for Undergraduate Students

An academic minor or certificate is a secondary academic discipline that complements a student's major area of study or allows exploration of a non-related area of interest. Students may earn minors and certificates from other Colleges. **To declare a minor or certificate, consult with your advisor to determine the best fit for your goals and schedule.**

Timely Graduation

Minors and certificates should be considered as an optional direction for elective credits. Most students stay on track to graduate with one or more minors or certificates. Keep in mind that early planning can help seamlessly integrate these into your academic journey. Students can take three credits during winter and nine over the summer to complete 12 extra credits per year, accelerating progress toward graduation.

Learn New Skills and Explore Interests

Enhance your resume by learning valuable skills that complement your degree. Minors and certificates provide an opportunity to explore additional interests and passions beyond your major.

Summer and Winter Courses

Complete necessary courses during Summer and Winter Sessions. A variety of offerings are available; check the [online University Catalog](#) for all options. **Remember to verify the latest requirements with the department.** Be aware that some courses may have **prerequisites (indicated by asterisks*)**, and other courses are available during the school year.

Summer 2025 Term Dates												
Week of	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug
	Mod: 1-First 4-Weeks May 19-June 13				Mod: 2-Second 4-Weeks June 16-July 11				Mod: 3-Third 4-Weeks July 14-August 8			
	First 6-Weeks May 19-June 27						Second 6-Weeks June 30-August 8					
	Mod: M1+2-First 8-Weeks May 19-July 12											
					Mod: M2+3-Second 8-Weeks June 16-August 8							
	Full-Term: May 19-August 8											

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Communication - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
COM 114	<i>Fund of Speech Comm</i>	<i>Summer - All</i>
COM 250	Mass Comm & Society	M1
COM 256	Intro To Advertising	M1, Winter
COM 303	Intercultural Comm	M3
COM 318	<i>Principles of Persuasion</i>	<i>M1, Winter</i>
COM 320	Small Group Comm	M1, M3

English - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
ENGL 106	<i>1st yr Composition</i>	<i>M2+3</i>
ENGL 111	Am Lang & Culture II*	M2+3
ENGL 204	Special Topics in Writing	M2+3
ENGL 205	Intro to Creative Writing*	M1+2, M2+3
ENGL 238	Intro to Fiction	M1+2, M2+3
ENGL 286	The Movies	M1+2, M2+3, W

Cornerstone Certificate - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
ANTH 210	Technology and Culture	M2, M2+3
PHIL 208	Ethics of Data Science	M2+3, Winter
POL 237	Modern Weapons & Int Rel	M2+3
POL 327	Green Global Politics	M1, M2+3, Winter
SCLA 101	Crit Thinking & Com I	M1, M2+3
SOC 220	Social Problems	M2+3, M3

Global Liberal Arts Studies - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
ANTH 205	Human Cultural Diversity	M1, M2+3, M3
EAPS 120	Intro to Geography	M2
HIST 105	Global History	M1
HIST 351	The Second World War	M1, Winter
PHIL 290	Environmental Ethics	M1+2
POL 327	Green Global Politics	M1, M2+3, Winter

Required Courses | *Optional Required Courses* | Prerequisite courses needed (indicated by asterisks*)

Check requirements for additional classes, options, and electives as courses are subject to change

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History - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
HIST 302	Historical Topics	M1
HIST 350	Sci & Soc in 20 th Century	M2+3
HIST 351	Second World War	M1, Winter
HIST 355	American Military Affairs	M2+3
HIST 371	Society & Rock and Roll	M1+2
HIST 372	History of American West	M2+3

Political Science - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
POL 101	American Government	M2+3
POL 130	Intro to Intl Relations	M1, M2+3
POL 141	Governments of the World	M1, M2+3
POL 223	Intro Environmental Policy	M1, M2+3
POL 235	Rich and Poor Nations	M2+3
POL 327	Global Green Politics	M1, M2+3, Winter

Law and Society - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
SOC 100	Introductory Sociology	M1, M2, M3, W
SOC 310	Race and Ethnicity	M2+3
SOC 324	Criminology	M1, Winter
SOC 328	Criminal Justice	M2+3
SOC 352	Drugs, Culture and Society	M2+3
SOC 382	Intro to Stats in Sociology	M2+3

Science and Technology Studies Certificate - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
ANTH 210	Technology & Culture	M2+3, M3
COM 217	Science Writing & Pres	M1, M1+2, M2+3, M3
ENGL 373	Science Fict & Fantasy	M2+3
HIST 384	History of Aviation	M2+3
PHIL 208	Ethics of Data Science	M2+3, Winter
POL 327	Global Green Politics	M1, M2+3, Winter

Philosophy - 15 credits

Course	Course Title	Modules
PHIL 110	Intro to Ethics	M1+2
PHIL 114	Global Moral Issues	M2+3
PHIL 115	Principles of Logic	M2+3
PHIL 208	Ethics of Data Science	M2+3, Winter
PHIL 270	Biomed Ethics	M2+3
PHIL 290	Environmental Ethics	M1+2

Sociology - 15 credits

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SOC 310	Race and Ethnicity	M2+3
SOC 324	Criminology	M1, Winter
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Continuing Students Summer Scholarships

Summer Double Major, Summer Minors, Undergraduate Certificate, and Co-op Scholarships - Up to \$1,000 for completing 6+ credit hours of summer coursework. Apply today at purdue.edu/ThinkSummer

Financial Aid – Summer is a header at Purdue, so degree-seeking students have easier access to need-based institutional and federal aid. Please apply for summer aid in your [myPurdue portal](#).

On-Campus Summer Housing

Students must be enrolled in at least one class to live in traditional summer housing. Contracts are offered for various lengths to meet student needs and include meals and Dining Dollars. Internship housing is available in Hawkins at a lower cost and without a meal plan. Details at housing.purdue.edu

Winter Session 2025 | December 22, 2025 – January 9, 2026

Students may complete up to 3 credit hours during Winter Session. A full schedule of asynchronous online classes will be available in the fall at Purdue.link/ThinkWinter

Office of Summer and Winter Sessions

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