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EXPLORE MINORS AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

As you look forward to your college career, you may be asking yourself, “Should I pursue a minor?” While you certainly don’t need to answer this question right away, understanding minors and the wide variety of options here at Chatham can help you make a decision that fits in with your professional goals. Whether you are a lover of dance, plants, or data analytics, here are some questions to consider.



▲ *“I am passionate about my minors because they define my intention with my major. Cultural studies is a bit broad, but I chose it for the flexibility to design it as my own. My minors, art history and museum studies, help narrow my focus because they are more experiential.”*

— **CHENOA BAKER '21,**
cultural studies

What is a minor?

Simply put, a minor is a secondary focus in addition to your major. It allows you to take a couple of classes in an area that interests you, while still pursuing your major. If there are areas of study you want to explore outside of your major, then a minor is for you.

What are the benefits?

Not only do minors allow you to explore your interests, but minors can help set you apart when seeking employment post-graduation. They also open your studies to new classes, professors, and professional connections.

What will it take?

Minors at Chatham are easy to obtain with most requiring five to six courses for a total of 15-18 credit hours. Your academic advisor will work closely with you to make sure that you graduate on track with the minor or minors you desire.

Does it have to relate to my major?

No! Minors can complement your major or be entirely separate. Dreaming of being a biologist but have a love for the stage? You can get the best of both worlds with a major in biology and a minor in theatre.

Do I need a minor?

You do not have to pursue a minor and can choose instead to just focus on your major. If at any point during your time at Chatham you change your mind, your academic advisor will happily help you pick a minor and get you started.

MINORS

OFFERED AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

With 50 minors offered, there's something for everyone to explore their interests. Don't see what you're looking for? You can work closely with your academic advisor to self-design a minor that suits you.

African American Studies

Accounting

Applied Data Science Analytics

Applied Machine Learning

Applied Management

Art History

Art Museum Studies

Biology

Botany

Business

Chemistry

Creative Writing

Criminology

Dance

Economics

English

Environmental Writing

Film and Digital Technology

Food Studies

French

German

Graphic Design

History

Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights

Interior Architecture Theory

Jewish Studies

Journalism

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Mathematics

Music

Music Technology

Photography

Political Science

Professional Writing

Psychology

Public Relations

Social Services Administration

Social Work

Spanish

Studio Arts

Sustainability

Sustainability and Society

Sustainable Business Studies

Sustainable Energy and Urban Systems

Sustainable Natural Resources

Theater

Visual Arts

Women and Gender Studies

Writing



POPULAR MAJOR + MINOR

COMBINATIONS

Wondering what minors might pair well with your major? Here are some common combinations:

MAJOR

Arts Management

Business

Communication

Chemistry

Education

Environmental Science

History

International Studies

Management

Marketing

Policy Studies

Psychology

Sustainability

MINOR(S)

art museum studies, studio arts, art history, business

accounting, business economics, sustainable business studies

English, creative writing, professional writing, marketing

applied data science analytics, mathematics, sustainable energy and urban systems

Spanish, psychology

botany, biology, sustainability

law and society, political science, religion

French, German, Spanish

management information systems, sustainable natural resource management

psychology, graphic design, public relations

pre-law, political science

biology, criminology

biology, botany, environmental studies

◀ *“My minor in botany allows me to take classes that I’m interested in that complement my major. These classes help me form a deeper and highly specialized understanding of the natural world around me.”*

—**JOHN MAMAS '23**, environmental science

FEATURED MINORS

BUSINESS

The business minor at Chatham equips students across disciplines with essential technical, teambuilding, and analytical skills for today's professional world. Students are taught traditional business strategy with a unique commitment to addressing issues such as sustainability, diversity, and responsible business in a global context.

Sample courses include:

- Entrepreneurial Ventures and Strategy
- Advertising and Promotion
- Persuasion
- Leadership and Management
- Data Visualization and Communication
- Consumer Behavior

“The benefits of a business minor are significant. It provides an opportunity to gain business education and skills that can be coupled with your existing major to leverage additional opportunities in the job market and advance your career.”

—**JAMES PIERSON**, chair, program director & assistant professor, Business & Entrepreneurship Department

HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

This minor offers interdisciplinary learning about past and present acts of genocide, with an emphasis on human behavior and human rights, and considering ways that the Holocaust continues to shape responses to human rights violations locally and globally.

A deep understanding of these subjects and their relevance today provides students with tools to pursue careers in education, law, law enforcement, public history, and further study in the many disciplines that compose the minor, including history, political science, philosophy, and more.

Courses include:

- Intro to Genocide Studies
- The Holocaust
- Modern Europe
- The United States & the Holocaust
- Ethnic Conflict
- What is Evil?
- Exiles
- Teaching the Holocaust

PSYCHOLOGY

One of Chatham's largest, the psychology minor gives students the opportunity to explore contemporary theory and research in psychology while teaching them to think scientifically about behavior and mental processes. Students in the program have flexibility to specialize within their minor on a wide range of topics in the world of psychology, including development, psychobiology, and abnormal behavior.

The program equips students with essential public speaking, interpersonal, and research skills to pursue careers in social services, counseling, education, management and more.

Sample courses include:

- Motivation
- Personality
- Abnormal Behavior
- Psychopharmacology
- Childhood and Adolescence
- Animal Behavior

"A psychology minor is a versatile option as it helps students explore the human mind and behavior—from understanding how neurons work to understanding societal conflict. Students are introduced to a broad array of perspectives in the field—cognitive, social and behavioral, biological, and developmental—that can provide new skills, knowledge, and areas of exploration in their major disciplines or in their future academic and career paths."

—**DR. NICHOLE BAYLISS**, associate professor & program coordinator

JEWISH STUDIES

The Jewish studies minor is an interdisciplinary study of Jewish history, literature, religion, culture, and art dating back centuries. Students explore the connections between past development and contemporary issues with regard to social, political, intellectual, economic, cultural, geographic and technological spheres.

Aside from deepening cultural appreciation, this minor prepares students for any endeavor in which they need to distinguish between fact and interpretation and comprehend their interrelationships; extract and interpret information from primary and secondary sources; and identify and critique arguments and evidence.

Courses include:

- Intro to Jewish Studies
- History of Judaism
- The Holocaust
- Exiles
- Jewish Pittsburgh



▲ *“Minoring in English has given me the opportunity to read and analyze texts that I otherwise would not have studied. It has allowed me to grow personally as they have broadened my worldview and professionally as I have developed my analytical and professional writing skills.”*

— **HALEY KUMPF '23**, international business

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