

Offering Academic Minors - Change to Presidential Policy Memorandum 11c

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The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, unanimously approved a resolution concerning academic minors.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

WHEREAS, current university policy does not allow a minor in a department that does not offer a major, and

WHEREAS, a department that does not offer a major can currently offer a concentration, and

WHEREAS, the term ♦ minor ♦ has a level of understanding and prestige that the term ♦ concentration ♦ does not, and

WHEREAS, many of the university ♦s current concentrations are equally as rigorous as current minors,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that minors no longer be restricted to academic departments that offer a major. ♦ Minors may be offered by an academic department, school, or college, or the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. ♦ Advising will be the responsibility of the academic unit that proposes to administer the minor. ♦ The revised definitions of a minor and a concentration will be as follows:

Minor ♦ a course of study offered by an academic department, school, or college, or the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies for not less than 18 hours, with no less than 6 hours at the 3000- or 4000-level. ♦ Minors are designated as requiring approval through the curricular governance system. ♦ Minors are to be completed at the same time as the student ♦s primary major.

Concentration ♦ a course of study offered by an academic department, school, or college, or the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies for not less than 15 hours. ♦ Concentrations are designated as requiring approval through the curricular governance system. ♦ Concentrations are to be completed at the same time as the student ♦s primary major.

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