

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences  
Interdisciplinary Studies**

**Work in a Changing Economy Minor (Wk Ch Ec, 303)**

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Please see an advisor in Undergraduate Student Academic Services (USAS)/Arts and Sciences Advising in 115 Denney Hall to declare the minor.

Work is one of the core life activities and vital to the economic vitality of both people and nations. The interdisciplinary minor in Work in a Changing Economy allows students to study the nature of work and its role in people's lives. Topics studied include the design of workplaces, influence of work on the family, the role of workplace organization in economic vitality, and the study of labor organization. The focus is primarily on paid employment in both the public and private sectors, not on self-employment or entrepreneurship, although considerations of these are not excluded.

The Work in a Changing Economy minor requires the completion of 25 hours, which consist of two core courses (10 hours) and 15 hours of specialized electives. Elective coursework must come from at least two disciplines. Only one course may be counted from the department of the student's major. If you follow the program as listed, you need only file it with your college or school counselor.

**Required core courses (10 credit hours)**

Economics 580: Labor, Economics, and Industrial Relations (5)  
Sociology 464: Work, Employment, and Society (5)

**Specialized topics in Work (select 15 credit hours)**

Coursework may be categorized broadly in two areas (listed below). This categorization may be used by students to construct a curriculum which meets their interests.

**Structures of Work**

AED Econ 401: Principles of Agribusiness Management (4)  
AED Econ 460: Human Resource Management in Small Businesses (4)  
Bus-MHR 652: Human Resource Policy – Legislation and Institutions (4)  
Bus-MHR 660: Intro to Human Resources Management (4)  
Comp Stds 597.01: Global Studies of Science and Technology (5)  
Geog 640: Economic Geography (5)  
History 387: Intro to Business History (5)  
History 569: American Labor History (5)  
ISE 509: Statistical Process Control (3)  
Poli Sci 511: Political Strategy, Pub. Policy, & the Private Sector (5)  
Poli Sci 580: State and Economy (5)  
Psych 522: Organizational Psychology (4)  
Rural Sociology 666: Rural Poverty (5)  
Sociology 463: Social Stratification (5)  
Women's Studies 524: Women and Work (5)

**Contemporary Changes in Work**

Comp Stds 597.01: Global Studies of Science and Technology (5)  
Economics/International Studies 556: Cooperation and Conflict in the Global Economy\*\* (5)  
Geography 643: State, Society, and Development in the Global Economy (5)  
ISE 503: Work Physiology and Biomechanics in Work Design (3)  
ISE 573: Cognitive Systems Engineering (3)  
International Studies 356: Intro to Globalization (5)  
Poli Sci 553: Political Analysis of Int'l Economic Relations\*\* (5)  
Rural Sociology 678: Women in Rural Society (5)

Sociology H367.03: Work and Family in the United States (5)  
Women's Studies 305: Gender, Culture, and Power in the International Perspective (5)

\*\* Students may not count both Econ/International Studies 556 and Poli Sci 553 on the minor due to content overlap.

PLEASE NOTE: Some courses require a prerequisite of AED Econ 200 or Econ 200.

**Work in a Changing Economy minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- Only one course may be counted from the department of the student's major

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:

- A college/school counselor

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- A college/school counselor