The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Folklore Minor (FOLKLOREMN)

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Folklore is an interdisciplinary field devoted to study of the traditions and everyday practices of different ethnic, religious, racial, gender, occupational, and socio-economic groups. Folklorists study these practices as performances that are relevant to presentation of self; construction of identity; strategies of control or resistance; use of resources; and other aspects of social life. Students are encouraged to concentrate their course work for the Folklore minor in a particular subject area such as folk religion or material culture or in a particular geographical area such as the Middle East or Appalachia. Whatever the particular focus, however, cross-cultural comparison is an essential part of the folklore curriculum.

The minor in folklore requires a minimum of 24 credit hours in core folklore courses and in related courses drawn from several departments. All students must take English 270 and at least one course chosen from the core courses and one from the additional courses listed below, for a total of at least 24 credit hours.

Once the folklore studies program coordinator (or the coordinator’s designee) has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the Department of Comparative Studies.

*Some courses in this minor may have pre-requisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses.

Required course
English 270

Core Courses (5 credit hours required)
Note: Courses taken for core credit may not be double counted in the “Additional Courses” category.
Comparative Studies 677.01, 677.02, 677.03, 677.04
English 577.01, 577.02, 577.03

Additional courses (at least 14 credit hours are required)
Note: Only one course may be taken at the 200-level

Anthropology 202, 241, 421 (any section), 525, 610, 620 (any section)
African-American and African Studies 243, 244, 251, 254, 278, 284, 288, 290, 303, 310, 342, 345, 351, 376, 378, 379, 505, 545, 551, 565, 582, H584, 595
Arabic 241, 377, 672
Chinese 231, 232, 600, 678
Classics 222, H223, 224, 225, 226, 230, 250, 301, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 508
East Asian Languages and Literatures 346, 357, H399, 675, 677
English 264, 277, 280, 281, 367.05, 571, 577.01, 577.02, 577.03, 580, 581, 582, 583, 586, 587, 588, 592, 681.01, 681.02, 681.03
Hebrew 241, 376
History 324, 325, 326, 332, 346, 368, 525, 526, 568.01, 568.02, 577.01, 577.02, 589
Japanese 231, 600, 665
Jewish Studies 201, Korean 231, 600, 645
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 240, 504
Modern Greek 241, 268
Music 250, 348, 351, 352, 353, 672, 675
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 241, 311, 341, 345, 351, 360, 370, 372, 380, 646, 648, 672
Persian 241, 370, 374
Portuguese 330, 331, 335, 560, 561
Rural Sociology 622, 678
Russian 235, 644
Scandinavian 222, 513
Slavic 230
Sociology 380, 382
Spanish 330, 331, 555, 557, 560, 561, H565, 567, H590
Turkish 241, 371, 641
Women’s Studies 300, 305, 320, 340, 367 (all sections), 370, 375, 505, 510, 520, 524, 540, 545, 550, 560, 575, 576, 623, 624
Yiddish 241, 399

Folklore minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern the minor.

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 24

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.
• The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

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

200-level courses: No more than 10 credit hours may be taken at the 200 level.

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:
• The academic unit offering the minor, or
• 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:
• The academic unit offering the minor, or
• A college/school counselor.