Astronomy and Astrophysics is the study of planets, stars, and galaxies, and the universe as a whole, including how these originate and how they evolve in time. The principal pursuits of the astronomer are to extend our understanding of the physical nature of the universe and to convey this understanding to students and the general public.

The minor in Astronomy & Astrophysics requires a minimum of 12 credit hours in required courses and additional courses drawn from either Astronomy or Physics. All students must take Astronomy 2291, 2292, and 3350. One additional course is also required.

Once the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Astronomy 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 Astronomy.

**Required courses**
Astronomy 2291, 2292, 3350

**Additional courses (at least 3 credit hours are required)**
Astronomy 5681, 5682
Physics 2300, 3470

A student majoring in Physics could not use Physics 2300 toward the Astronomy & Astrophysics minor because that course is required for the Physics major. A Physics major could instead take one of the three other options listed under additional courses.

*Some courses in this minor have prerequisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses. For example, all three required courses have Math 1151, 1152 (or equivalent), and Physics 1250, 1251 as prerequisites.