Folklorists focus on a broad spectrum of social expression, examining the forms and ways of living through which communities shape their reality. Those forms include language, work, food, play, dance, song, gestures, beliefs, and so forth. Folklore tends to focus on those cultural forms that permeate the everyday, which are passed from generation to generation, usually orally, with no one author or creator. Folklorists might study such activities as riddles, bell ringing, ethnic joking, or urban legends, apparently trivial practices which, when examined in context, reveal themselves as significant performances: constructions of identity, presentations of self, strategies of control or resistance, manipulations of resources, exercises of virtuosity, spaces of reflection upon the nature of things.

The minor in folklore requires a minimum of 15 credit hours in folklore courses drawn from several departments. All students must take English 2270/Comparative Studies 2350 and four additional courses, for a total of 15 credit hours. One course from the “Ethnography and Writing” category is recommended. At least one of the following courses is required: English 4577.01, 4577.02, or 4577.03 or Comparative Studies 5957.01 or 5957.02. At least 6 credit hours must be taken at the 3000 level or above. Up to 6 credit hours of minor course work may overlap with the GE.

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.

### Required course

English 2270 OR Comparative Studies 2350

### Elective Courses (12 credit hours required)

One of the following is required:
- Comp Studies 5957.01, 5957.02
- English 4577.01, 4577.02, 4577.03

Ethnography and Writing Courses One of the following is recommended (not required):
- Arabic 2367
- Comp Studies 4655
- English 2367.05, 4571

Additional electives:
- Arabic 2367, 2705, 3301, 5702
- Chinese 5400
- Comp Studies 3657, 4597.03, 4655, 4658, 5668, 5957.01, 5957.02
- East Asian 3457
- English 2367.05, 4571, 4577.01, 4577.02, 4577.03, 4597.02
- Japanese 5400
- Modern Greek 2680
- NELC 3700
- Persian 2301
- Scandinavian 3350

### Folklore minor program guidelines

#### Required for graduation

No

#### Credit hours required

A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

#### Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

#### Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

#### Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

#### 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.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

#### X193 credits

No more than 3 credit hours.

#### Approval required

The minor program must be approved by the Department of Comparative Studies.

#### 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 Department of Comparative Studies or
- The Arts & Humanities advisor assigned to Comparative Studies.