The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Folklore Minor (FOLKLOR-MN)

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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 advisor. 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

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 two courses between the GE and the minor as long as the minor consists of at least 4 courses..

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 GPA for all minor course work.
• 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 advisor.

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.

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