The goal of the minor is to provide tools for students to build bridges between the popular, public, and material cultures of their daily lives and the cultures that are the traditional objects of study. 

The Popular Culture Studies minor requires the completion of 15 hours, which consists of an introductory course; at least one course focusing on a popular culture outside-majority-U.S. culture; and no more than two film courses.

Not including the required introductory course, no more than two courses may be taken at the 2000-level. No more than two courses to be counted for the minor may be taken from a single department.

**Required introductory course - Choose One:**

- English/Compar Studies 2264 [can also double as Historical req.]
- WGSS 2230

**Historical (pre-1945) Popular Culture:**

- ACCAD 3350: History of Animation
- Chinese 5474: Chinese Opera
- Classics 2205: Sports and Spectacles in the Ancient World
- Comparative Studies 3686: Cultural Studies of American Musics
- Comparative Studies 5957.01: Comparative Folklores
- Comparative Studies 5957.02: Folktore in Circulation
- English 4577.01: Folk Groups and Communities
- English 4577.02: Folklore Genres: Form, Meaning, and Use
- Medieval 2666: Magic & Witchcraft in the Middle Ages & Renaissance
- Medieval 4504: Arthurian Legends
- Music 2253: Introduction to Jazz
- Music 5646: History of Music in the United States
- Theatre 2367.01: Self Images: America on Stage, 1830 to the Present

**Popular Culture from Outside Majority-U.S. Culture (3 credit hours):**

- AAAS/MUS 2288: Bebop to Doowop to Hiphop
- AAAS 4571: Black Visual Culture and Popular Media
- Anthropology 3334: Zombies: The Anthropology of the Undead
- Chinese 4406: China Pop: Contemporary Pop Culture & Media in Greater China
- Comparative Studies 2321: Introduction to Asian Studies
- Comparative Studies 2322: Introduction to Latino/a Studies
- Comparative Studies 2360: Introduction to Comparative Cultural Studies
- Comparative Studies 5957.01: Comparative Folklores
- Comparative Studies 5957.02: Folklore in Circulation
- English 2270: Introduction to Folklore
- English 4577.01: Folk Groups and Communities
- English 4577.02: Folklore Genres: Form, Meaning, and Use
- English 4597.01: Disability Experience in the Contemporary World
- French 5403: Topics in French Cultures and Literatures (1-3 credit hours):
  - German 2251: German Literature and Popular Culture
- History of Art 2901: Introduction to World Cinema
- Modern Greek 2680: Folklore of Contemporary Greece
- Music 2253: Introduction to Jazz
- Music 3364: Musical Citizenship: Activism, Advocacy and Engagement in Sound
- Russian 2335.01: Magnificence, Mayhem, and Mafia: Russian Culture
- Russian 3460: Modern Russian Experience through Film
- Slavic 2230 Vampires, Monstrosity & Evil: From Slavic Myth to Twilight
- Slavic 3310: Science Fiction: East vs. West
- Slavic 3360: Screening Minorities: Representations of the Other in Slavic Film
- WGSST 4375: Women and Visual Culture

**Other Electives**

Students may use additional electives from the courses listed below to complete the minimum of 15 hours for the Minor. Several are variable topics and might also count for either the pre-1945 or non-Majority-U.S. culture requirements.

- Art Education 2550: Introduction to Visual Culture: Seeing and Being Seen
- Art Education 2367.03: Criticizing Television
- Communication 3413: Media Entertainment
- Communication 3440: Mass Communication and Society
- Communication 3513: Video Games and the Individual
- Communication 4554 Social Media
- Comparative Studies 2281: American Icons
- Comparative Studies 3678: Religion and American Culture
- Consumer Sci: Fashion & Retail 2372: Appearance, Dress, & Cultural Diversity
- Consumer Sci: Fashion & Retail 2374: Twentieth Century Fashion and Beyond
- Consumer Sci: Fashion & Retail 3474: Fashion Forecasting
- Dance 3401: Dance in Popular Culture
- Engineering 2367: American Attitudes about Technology
- English 2263: Introduction to Film
- English 3364: Special Topics in Reading Popular Culture
- English 5664: Studies in Graphic Narrative
- Film Studies 2271: Introduction to Film Studies
- French 3801: French-American Culture Wars
- English 3372: Science Fiction and/or Fantasy
- English 3378: Special Topics in Film and Literature
- English 4578: Special Topics in Film
- Music 2252: History of Rock and Roll
- Psychology 2301: The Psychology of Extraordinary Beliefs
- Sociology 2367.01H: The Political Elite and Interest Groups (Honors)
- Sociology 3302: Technology and Global Society
- Theatre 3357: Censorship and Performance
- WGSST 3306: Gender, Media, and New Technologies
- WGSST 3317 Hollywood, Women and Film
- WGSST 4527: Studies in Gender and Cinema

**Popular Culture Studies minor program guidelines**

- Required for graduation

  - 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 3000-level courses 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 credit hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

  - Grades required
    - Minimum C- for a course to be counted 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 course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

- X193 credit No more than 3 credit hours.

- Minor approval: The course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

- 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.