

# GREAT PLAINS STUDIES MINOR

## Description

Great Plains Studies is an interdisciplinary/ intercollegiate program of the Center for Great Plains Studies, 1155 Q Street. A minor in Great Plains Studies is a useful program for students who plan a career in business, education, planning, policy analysis, agriculture, public relations, marketing, and any profession or career where an in-depth understanding of the Plains region would be advantageous. Courses that comprise the program are based in the following cooperating departments: African American and African Studies; Agricultural Economics; Agronomy; Anthropology and Geography; Architecture; Art and Art History; Biological Sciences; Communication Studies; Community and Regional Planning; Earth and Atmospheric Sciences; English; Ethnic Studies; History; Latino and Latin American Studies; Modern Languages and Literatures; Music; Native American Studies; Natural Resource Sciences; Political Science; Sociology; and Women and Gender Studies. Internships are strongly encouraged and may be used to fulfill major or minor requirements.

## Admission

### College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under "Removal of Deficiencies."

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences' language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

## Advising

### Academic and Career Advising

The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

Students in the College who have declared a major will be assigned an academic advisor who is their first point of contact for a variety of questions. Academic advisors help students be successful in adjusting to UNL overall as well as making progress toward degree completion. The assigned advisor may be located within the department of their primary major, or in the Advising Center. Students can identify their assigned advisor in MyRED on the academics tab. In addition, faculty

advisors are experts in their discipline, including advanced coursework and requirements, opportunities for research, student organizations, and considering graduate school in the discipline. Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love Library South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, <http://cas.unl.edu/advising>.

## College Degree Requirements

### College Distribution Requirements

#### Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College distribution requirement.
- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement.
- A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
- Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

### College Distribution Requirements

<i>CDR A - Written Communication</i>	3
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.	
<i>CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab</i>	4
Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.	
Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. <sup>1</sup>	
<i>CDR C - Humanities</i>	3
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. <sup>2</sup>	
<i>CDR D - Social Science</i>	3
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. <sup>3</sup>	
<i>CDR E - Language</i>	0-16

Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies, or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

*CDR F - Additional Breadth* 3

Select from natural, physical and mathematical sciences (Area B), humanities (Area C), or social sciences (Area D). Cannot be a course from the primary major.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 16-32

<sup>1</sup> See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.

<sup>2</sup> Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.

<sup>3</sup> See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

## Scientific Base

### Bachelor of Science Only (60 hours)

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOC 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology, physics and statistics.

See your degree audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for a complete list including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of a college advisor.

## Language Requirement

UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College's language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

## Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

## Grade Rules

### Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a

minor. No UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

## Pass/No Pass Privilege

The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department's or program's section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. **NOTE:** This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

## Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

## Course Level Requirements

### Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at UNL.

## Residency Requirement

Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

## ACE Requirements

Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008

for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: <http://ace.unl.edu> for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

## Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

## Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level. No more than 6 hours from one department.

### Required Course

GPSP 170 / ANTH 170 / GEOG 170 / NRES 170 / SOCI 170	Introduction to Great Plains Studies	3
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Credit Hours Subtotal:	3
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### Themes

Select two courses from each of two of the themes below:	12
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#### Arts and Literature

AHIS 252	American Art 1865-1945
AHIS 451	19th-Century American Art
AHIS 452	American Art, 1893-1939
ANTH 419	Art and Anthropology of Native North Americans
ENGL 211	Literature of Place
ENGL 244 / ETHN 244	African American Literature since 1865
ENGL 245N / ETHN 245N	Introduction to Native American Literature
ENGL 317	Literature and the Environment
ENGL 333A	Willa Cather and Her World
ENGL 347	Humanities on the Plains
ENGL 405K	Canadian Fiction
ENGL 445N / ETHN 445N	Topics in Native American Literature
MUSC 489	American Music

#### Culture and Community

ANTH 130	Anthropology of the Great Plains
ANTH 350 / ETHN 350	Peoples and Cultures of Native Latin America

ANTH 351 / ETHN 351	Indigenous Peoples of North America
ANTH 352 / ETHN 352	Indigenous Peoples of the Great Plains
ANTH 434	Introduction to Great Plains Archaeology
ANTH 451 / ETHN 451	Contemporary Issues of Indigenous Peoples in North America
GEOG 334	Historical Geography of the Great Plains
GEOG 435	Cultural Survival: Indigenous People's Rights
GPSP 377 / GEOG 377 / WMNS 377	Women of the Great Plains
GPSP 378 / COMM 378	Cultural Encounters on the Great Plains
HIST 241 / ETHN 241	Native American History
HIST 342 / ETHN 342	History of Plains Indians
HIST 356 / ETHN 356 / WMNS 356	African-American Women's History
HIST 357 / ETHN 357 / LAMS 357	Mexican-American History
HIST 358 / ETHN 358 / WMNS 358	Native American Women
HIST 359	The Mythic West
HIST 360	History of Nebraska and the Great Plains
POLS 225	Nebraska Government and Politics

#### Land and Environment

AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I
AECN 276 / SOCI 241	Rural Sociology
AECN 345	Policy Issues in Agriculture and Natural Resources
AECN 388 / ALEC 388	Ethics in Agriculture and Natural Resources
AGRO 153 / HORT 153 / SOIL 153	Soil Resources
AGRO 228 / HORT 228 / TLMT 228	Introduction to Landscape Management
AGRO 242 / HORT 242 / RNGE 242	North American Wildland Plants
AGRO 440 / NRES 440 / RNGE 440	Great Plains Ecosystem
BIOS 232	Ecological Issues in the Great Plains
ENVR 201	Science, Systems, Environment and Sustainability
GEOG 370	Geography of Nebraska

HORT 495 /	Grasslands Seminar	
AGRO 495 /		
ENTO 495 /		
GRAS 495 /		
NRES 495 /		
RNGE 495 /		
SOIL 495		
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	
NRES 310	Introduction to Forest Management	
NRES 452 /	Climate and Society	
AGRO 450 /		
GEOG 450 /		
METR 450		
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
<b>Great Plains Course at Large</b>		
Select one additional course from the themes above or from the list below:		3
AECN 201	Farm and Ranch Management	
AECN 376	Rural Community Economics	
AECN 456 /	Environmental Law	
NREE 456		
AECN 457 /	Water Law	
NREE 457 /		
WATS 457		
AGRO 240 /	Forage Crop and Pasture Management	
RNGE 240		
AGRO 326 /	Landscape Solutions	
HORT 326 /		
TLMT 326		
AGRO 442 /	Wildland Plants	
RNGE 442 /		
NRES 442		
ANTH 290	Fieldwork	
ANTH 433	North American Archaeology	
ANTH 454	Ethnographic Field School (Great Plains Sections)	
BIOS 470	Prairie Ecology (Cedar Point)	
BIOS 475	Avian Biology (Cedar Point)	
BIOS 476 /	Mammalogy	
NRES 476		
BIOS 482 /	Field Entomology (Cedar Point)	
ENTO 482		
BIOS 487	Field Parasitology (Cedar Point)	
BIOS 489 /	Ichthyology (Cedar Point)	
NRES 489		
ENGL 261	American Literature since 1865	
ENGL 345N /	Native American Women Writers	
ETHN 345N /		
WMNS 345N		
ENVR 319	Environmental Engagement and the Community	
GEOG 271	Geography of the United States	
GEOG 467 /	Great Plains Field Pedology	
AGRO 477 /		
NRES 477 /		
SOIL 477		

GEOL 457 /	Ecosystem Ecology	
BIOS 457		
GPSP 399	Independent Directed Readings	
GPSP 399H	Honors Course	
GPSP 495	Internship	
HIST 244	19th Century America	
HIST 247 /	African American History: After 1877	
ETHN 247		
HIST 346	North American Environmental History	
HIST 363 /	History of Women and Gender in the	
WMNS 363	American West	
HIST 464 /	Native American History: Selected Topics	
ETHN 464		
NRES 417 /	Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable	
HORT 418	Agriculture	
SOCI 217 /	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
ETHN 217		
SOCI 346	Environmental Sociology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Total Credit Hours		18

## Grade Rules

### C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

### Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

### GPSP 170 Introduction to Great Plains Studies

**Crosslisted with:** ANTH 170, GEOG 170, NRES 170, SOCI 170

**Description:** Interdisciplinary study of the natural environment, social environment, human heritage, arts and humanities of the Great Plains.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**Groups:** Regional Geography

### GPSP 291 Special Topics in Great Plains Studies

**Description:** Topics vary

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 12

**Format:** LEC

### GPSP 377 Women of the Great Plains

**Crosslisted with:** GEOG 377, WMNS 377

**Description:** The intersection of gender, identity, power, and representation throughout time and space in the Great Plains of the United States and Canada.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

**GPSP 378 Cultural Encounters on the Great Plains**

**Crosslisted with:** COMM 378

**Description:** Inter-cultural encounters which have occurred on the Great Plains with a focus on American Indians, African, African-American, Latino, Asian, South Asian, and European cultures.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** LEC

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**GPSP 399 Independent Directed Readings**

**Credit Hours:** 1-3

**Min credits per semester:** 1

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** IND

**GPSP 399H Honors Course**

**Prerequisites:** Permission.

**Notes:** Must be taken under the direction of a faculty fellow of the Center for Great Plains Studies.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3

**Min credits per semester:** 1

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Format:** IND

**GPSP 495 Internship**

**Crosslisted with:** GPSP 895

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing; and permission.

**Notes:** P/N only.

**Credit Hours:** 1-6

**Min credits per semester:** 1

**Max credits per semester:** 6

**Max credits per degree:** 6

**Format:** FLD