GREAT PLAINS STUDIES MINOR

Description
Great Plains Studies is an interdisciplinary/intercollegiate program of the College of Arts and Sciences. A minor in Great Plains Studies is a useful program for students who plan a career in business, education, political science, psychology, or sociology.

Admission
College Admission
The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as those of 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 Hall 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 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
Bachelors 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
CDR A - Written Communication
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.
CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab
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.¹
CDR C - Humanities
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies.²
CDR D - Social Science
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology.³
CDR E - Language

¹ Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above.
² Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies.
³ Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology.
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
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

1. See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.
2. Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.
3. 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 BIOL 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

**Themes**

Select two courses from each of two of the themes below: 12

**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

**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

**Indigenous Peoples of North 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
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### Great Plains Course at Large

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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