Appendix L

University of Michigan

LS&A ACADEMIC MINORS

Academic Policies

1. Each A.B. or B.S. student who wishes to complete an approved academic minor must develop a plan for the minor in consultation with the designated advisor, who must also approve it. The academic minor is not an option available to students earning the B.G.S. degree.
2. Students may not elect courses in an academic minor plan by the Pass/Fail grading option, but must take academic minor courses for a grade, either A-E or, in the case of Residential College courses, with narrative evaluation.
3. Students may not elect a concentration and an academic minor, or two academic minors, offered by the same department or program, unless a specific exemption to this policy is noted with the approval of the minor.
4. No more than one course may be used to meet the requirements of both a concentration plan and an academic minor.
5. NO course may be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one Minor.
6. If the academic minor has prerequisites, students taking courses to meet the prerequisites to a concentration may also count those courses as prerequisites to the academic minor.
7. Advanced Placement credits may be used to meet prerequisites to an academic minor, but may not be used to meet the requirements of an academic minor.
8. Since students electing an academic minor are required to meet the area distribution requirement, courses elected to meet the requirements of an academic minor also may be part of the student's area distribution plan.
9. A student must earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 in courses taken to meet requirements of an academic minor, including any prerequisites.
10. A course or courses that are part of a student's academic minor may also meet the Language Requirement, the Upper-Level Writing Requirement, the Race & Ethnicity Requirement, or the Quantitative Reasoning Requirement.

Administration

1. LSA departments and programs have the option to create academic minors and are responsible for their administration once approved.
2. All academic minors must be reviewed and approved by the LSA Curriculum Committee. The College encourages the creation of Interdepartmental and intercollegiate academic minors.
3. An academic minor shall require no less than 15 credit hours in addition to any prerequisites and must contain some upper-division courses.
4. An academic minor may not consist only of a requirement for some number of credit hours but must have structure and coherence.
5. The LSA Curriculum Committee, after consultation with departments and academic units, may prohibit students in some concentrations from electing minors with requirements that overlap significantly with those of the concentration.
6. Although the College will continue to allow individual concentration plans, individual minors will not be allowed.
7. Academic minors will be noted on a student’s transcript, but not on his or her diploma.