

FAQS on MINOR PROGRAMMES

Q1. How do I go about registering for a minor course? I am keen to take up a minor programme.

Ans : You have to register for a minor course in the same way as you do so for an unrestricted elective. The academic units will count towards your Unrestricted Elective requirement.

With regard to registration of a minor course/unrestricted elective, you may indicate up to a maximum of 5 courses. Your request will be placed on waitlist during the registration exercise. Allocation of courses will be subject to computer balloting. Please access STARS during the first week of the Add/Drop period to check if you have been allocated a place for the minor course.

Q2. Do I need to seek approval from the University to do a minor?

Ans : No, you need not seek approval from the University.

Q3. When can I begin to take up a minor programme?

Ans : You may begin to read a minor course in your first year of study.

Q4. Does the reading of courses from a Minor count as fulfilling GER?

Ans : Yes, the reading of courses from a Minor are counted as fulfilling GER under unrestricted electives (i.e. GER-UE. As a Minor programme comprises 15 AU in general, an overload of 6Au (an equivalent of 2 courses) are usually required to complete the programme.

Some GER-PE courses are also from the Minor basket. Students who read these courses as GER-PEs cannot use them to fulfill the requirement for the Minor. Only courses taken as GER- UE can be used to fulfill the Minor requirement.

Students who have taken Minor courses such as HE191 as a GER-PE can take another elective course from the Minor basket to make up for the academic units if they wish to pursue the Minor.

Q5. Can I read a minor course during the normal school term, during the special terms in May-July?

Ans: Yes, you may read a minor course during the normal school term as long as there are no timetable clashes involved and you feel that you are able to cope with the workload. Please seek approval from your School, if you need to overload the minor course.

