

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 choices. Your request will be placed on waitlist during the registration exercise. Allocation of courses is subjected 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 or 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.

You may also read a minor course during the special terms in May-July, if it is offered.

Q6. Can I take more than one minor course during the special terms in May-July?

Ans: Students will only be allowed to take up one minor course during the special terms. Allocation of minor courses is subjected to computer balloting and availability of vacancies.

Q7. I am a third year engineering student and am interested in taking up a minor programme. Can I extend another semester after my final year to continue with the minor?

Ans: Once you have completed your programme requirement, you will be deemed to have graduated. You are not allowed to extend another semester just to continue with the minor.

Q8. Am I allowed to take up two minor programmes?

Ans: You are not advised to take up two minor programmes, as you will need to overload many courses for each semester in order to fulfil the requirements of the minors. However, if you are keen to do so, you will need to ask your School's approval to do so.

Q9. Will there be a penalty if I decide to withdraw halfway through from the minor programme?

Ans: There is no penalty if you decide to withdraw halfway through the minor programme. The academic units earned from the minor courses taken will be counted towards the fulfillment of your Unrestricted Elective requirement.

Q10. How will I be awarded the minor if I decide to withdraw halfway through from the minor programme?

Ans: In your final year, you are required to file for the award of the minor once you have fulfilled the requirements of the minor programme.

Q11. What happens if I fail a minor course?

Ans: You may wish to re-take the minor course again. Alternatively, you may choose to read another minor course from the programme unless it is a pre-requisite to the other minor courses.