

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN POPULATION STUDIES

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Population Studies encompasses the study of the size, structure, and distribution of populations across space and time in response to birth, migration, aging, and death. Changes in the size and composition of populations, as well as in the underlying components of population change (i.e., mortality, fertility, and migration), strongly influence and are influenced by natural and human systems in ways that are increasingly consequential.

Population Studies equips students with the ability to connect to demography in ways that promote understanding, preparedness, leadership, and service in a period of rapid social change. This program draws from a rich set of resources at the University of Minnesota including a possible experience with the Minnesota Population Center (MPC) via internships, employment, or course offerings. The minor is thus relevant for those interested in careers that involve demographic analysis.

The Minnesota Population Center (MPC) is a University-wide interdisciplinary cooperative for demographic research.

REQUIRED INTRODUCTORY COURSE – CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Soc 3511/3511H – World Population Problems (3 credits) *or*
- Geog 3381W/Glos 3701W – Population in an Interacting World (3 credits)

ELECTIVES

Electives must be taken from at least **two** different departments (excluding Advanced Population Studies Elective options). Students interested in graduate programs related to population studies should take an Advanced Population Studies Elective option. Take 12 to 15 credits from this section.

- Geog 3379/Glos 3303 – Environment & Development in the Third World
- Geog 3401 – Geography of Environmental Systems & Global Change
- Geog 3411W – Geography of Health & Health Care
- Geog 3561 – Principles of Geographic Information Science
- Hist 3011 – Measuring the Past
- Hist 3415 – Migrations in Modern Global History
- Hist 3797 – History of Population
- Hist/Chic/AAS 3862 – American Immigration History
- PA 5301 – Population Methods & Issues
- PubH 3350 – Epidemiology: People, Places, & Disease
- Soc 3246 – Diseases, Disasters, & Other Killers
- Soc 3501 – Sociology of Families
- Soc 3505/Glos 3705 – Migrations: People in Motion
- Soc 3507 – Immigration to the US: Beyond Walls
- Soc 4246 – Sociology of Health & Illness
- Soc 4511 – Sociology of Youth: Transition to Adulthood

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ADVANCED POPULATION STUDIES ELECTIVE (OPTIONAL)

Those interested in graduate school programs in Demography, Public Health, Population Studies, and other related areas are strongly encouraged to take an Advanced Population Studies Elective.

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- GCC 3014/5014 – Grand Challenge: The Future of Work and Life in the 21st Century. **Or**
- ID 3208 – Internship Reflection (*Requires population studies related internship and Adviser consent. Since this course in only 1 credit, students must also enroll in another population studies elective to reach the required credit totals for the minor.*) **Or**
- Soc 4821 – Measuring the Social World: Concepts and Analysis. **Or**
- Soc 4881 – Population Studies Research Practicum (*Requires work or internship at the Minnesota Population Center, Instructor, and Adviser consent. Spring terms only.*)

SPECIAL NOTE: Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and with Instructor and Adviser consent, may request permission for a 3-credit 8xxx-level population studies course to count as the Advanced Population Studies Elective.

TOTAL CREDITS IN THE MINOR: _____
(MINIMUM 15 CREDITS)

REMINDER:

Students must take 12 to 15 credits from the above electives in at least TWO different Departments and the required introductory course for a total of at least 15 credits for the minor. Some courses carry pre-requisites – please contact the Department offering the course if you have questions about whether or not you meet the pre-requisites.

DECLARING THE MINOR IN UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION STUDIES

Please fill out the following information, and turn this document into the Main Office of the Department of Sociology (909 Social Science Building) or e-mail a copy of the completed form to socadvis@umn.edu. We will process your declaration form and send you an e-mail to confirm it has been accepted. You will know the minor has been fully processed and added to your record when you see it coded on your APAS report. The Department of Sociology is the administrative home for this interdisciplinary minor.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Student ID: _____

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Current major: _____

Other minor: _____