



College of Human Ecology

Department of Human Centered Design
T57 Human Ecology Building
37 Forest Home Dr.
Ithaca, New York 14853-4401
t. 607.255.2144
f. 607.255.1093
human.cornell.edu/hcd

Undergraduate Minors FAQ

Q: Who in the department can I speak with regarding academic questions about the minors?

A: D+EA and Design Innovation & Strategy Minors: Contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), at deaundergrad@cornell.edu

Fashion Studies & Fiber Science Minors: Contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), at fsad-dus@cornell.edu

Healthy Futures Minor: Contact CIHF's Program Manager, Chris Tanner at ctf43@cornell.edu

Q: Who in the department can I speak with regarding procedural questions about the minors?

A: D+EA and Design Innovation & Strategy Minors: Contact the Academic Programs Coordinator (APC), at deaundergrad@cornell.edu.

Fashion Studies & Fiber Science Minors: Contact the Undergraduate Program Coordinator, at fsad-dus@cornell.edu

Healthy Futures Minor: Contact CIHF's Program Manager, Chris Tanner at ctf43@cornell.edu

Q: Who is eligible to minor?

A: D+EA and Design Innovation & Strategy Minors: Open to all undergraduate students, except DEA majors.

Fashion Studies & Fiber Science Minors: Open to all undergraduate students, except FSAD majors.

Healthy Futures Minor: Open to all undergraduate students.

Q: How do I apply to the minor?

A: D+EA Minor: Start by taking the 3 core courses required for the D+EA Minor. Submit the Intention to Minor form after successfully completing the three core courses requirement.

Design Innovation & Strategy Minor: Start by taking the two core courses required for the Design Innovation & Strategy Minor. Submit the Intention to Minor form after successfully completing the two core courses requirement.

Fashion Studies & Fiber Science Minors: Submit the Intent to Minor form any time after you have successfully completed at least one of the courses required for the minor.

Healthy Futures Minor: Completing the Hospitality, Health, and Design Industry Seminar (DEA/HADM 3055) is required to declare Intent to minor in Healthy Futures. Submit the Intention to Minor form.

Q: May I speak with a department advisor to guide me on which courses I should take for the minor?

A: No, all of the listed minors are self-guided. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of courses required and completed toward the minor. Some courses require prerequisites so careful planning by the student is warranted.

Q: What are the requirements?

A: D+EA Minor: requires a minimum of 15 credits within DEA, including three required core courses and two upper-level DEA thematic courses. Refer to *Application to Graduate with a Minor in D+EA* for detailed course requirements.

Design Innovation & Strategy Minor: requires a minimum of 17 credits within DEA, including two required core courses and one core studio course. Refer to *Application to Graduate with a Minor in Design Innovation & Strategy* for detailed course requirements.

Fashion Studies Minor: requires a minimum of 15 credits within FSAD. Refer to *Fashion Studies Minor Course Requirements* for detailed course requirements.

Fiber Science Minor: requires a minimum of 16 credits within FSAD. Refer to *Fiber Science Minor Course Requirements* for detailed course requirements.

Healthy Futures: requires a minimum of 17 credits. Refer to the *Application to Graduate with a Minor in Healthy Futures* for detailed course requirements.

Q: What are the grade requirements?

A: All minors require courses be completed as letter grade with a grade of B- or better.

Q: What courses count for the minors?

A: Please refer to the Application to Minor documents for each minor to see course requirements.

Q: Three categories of electives are designated for the D+EA Minor. Must I complete the two upper level electives in one thematic area?

A: No. Students may choose to specialize in one area or may sample from all three areas. The only requirement is to successfully complete all qualifying credits of DEA electives.

Q: For the D+EA Minor, if I complete all required core courses, may I apply another core course toward the elective credits?

A: No. This requirement is in place to encourage students to take upper-level courses and thereby gain expertise within the field.

Q: May I substitute another course for one of the core course requirements?

A: No, you may not substitute another course for one of the core courses in any of the listed minors.

Q: May I take courses S/U?

A: Courses offered as S/U only are accepted, but the total must not exceed 3 S/U credits toward the 15 credit requirement of the minor. Courses that provide a choice of grade or S/U must be taken for a grade.

Q: May I apply credits for classes taken abroad?

A: No. All courses completed and designated for the listed minors must be taken on the Cornell campus.

Q: May I count a course which is cross-listed with DEA and taught by a DEA program instructor, even if I complete the non-DEA prefix version?

A: Yes.

Q: May I apply independent study or teaching assistantship courses (4000, 4010, 4020, 4030) toward my elective credits?

A: No, you may not apply independent study or teaching assistantship courses toward any of the listed minors

Q: What shall I do if there are many prerequisites for a specific course, which I am unable to complete prior to enrollment?

A: Contact the instructor, explain the situation and ask permission to enroll in the course. Permission depends on the particular course and is entirely at the discretion of the instructor.

Q: A course I want to take is not offered this year. Will it be offered next year?

A: Some courses may not be offered annually due to sabbatical leave and other departmental circumstances. Refer to Cornell's online Courses of Study for current information about course offerings and availability.

Q: How will the minor appear on my transcript?

A: After verification that you have met all requirements for the minor. Your status will be updated in the online minor system which notifies your college registrar, and your final transcript will indicate that a minor was earned.