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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

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Programs



Minor

- Minor in Black Studies (18)
 - Minor in Classical Studies (24)
 - Minor in Cognitive ~~Studies~~ **Science** (18-19)
 - Minor in Comparative Literature (18)
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- Minor in Southeast Asian Studies (19-21)

Certificate of Undergraduate Study



Rationale: Change in title of the Cognitive Studies minor to the Cognitive Science minor.

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Minor in Cognitive ~~Studies~~ **Science (18-19)**

Coordinators: Giovanni Bennardo, Department of Anthropology; Betty Birner, Department of English; and Katja Wiemer, Department of Psychology

Cognitive ~~Studies~~ **Science** is the study of the mind. A minor in cognitive ~~studies~~ **science** indicates that a student has studied issues such as knowledge acquisition, language, reasoning, and artificial intelligence from an interdisciplinary perspective and using a variety of methods. This degree may be particularly beneficial to students who seek a career in interdisciplinary fields such as cognitive neuroscience, psycholinguistics, artificial intelligence, human factors engineering, educational technology, or related areas within the participating departments.

The departments participating in this minor are Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Communicative Disorders, Computer Science, English, Philosophy, and Psychology.

The Cognitive ~~Studies~~ **Science** Minor is open to students of any major area leading to a baccalaureate degree. Students should have at least sophomore standing and hold a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. Students who wish to enroll in the minor need to

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register with one of the program coordinators.

Requirements (18-19)

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Rationale: We propose to change the name of the ‘Minor in Cognitive Studies’ to the new name of ‘Minor in Cognitive Science.’ This would put the name of the minor in line with its content and the way in which this content is labeled among Institutions worldwide.

Department of English

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English (ENGL)

The Department of English offers a major leading to the choice of a B.A. or B.S. degree. The English major enables students

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The department supports several minors. The Literature minor may focus on a particular topic, historical period, or genre such as the novel, short story, play, poetry, or nonfiction. The Linguistics minor includes courses offering a range of approaches to the study of the nature of human language; the Cognitive ~~Studies~~ **Science** minor offers courses with interdisciplinary approaches to the nature of knowledge and thought. The department participates with the Department of Communication in offering a minor in Professional Communication and with the Department of World Languages and Cultures in offering a minor in Comparative Literature. The department also participates in offering interdisciplinary minors with Black Studies; Classical Studies; Latin American Studies; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Rationale: Change in title of the Cognitive Studies minor to the Cognitive Science minor.

Notification: The Department of English was notified of this change via email on September 18, 2020.

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~~**Minor in World Languages and Cultures**~~

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~~**Option: Italian Language and Culture (24)**~~

~~Check departmental information for additional requirements.~~

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~~Nine or more semester hours must be taken at NIU.~~

~~Requirements (24)~~

- ~~● FLIT 101 – Beginning Italian I Credits: 3
AND FLIT 102 – Beginning Italian II Credits: 3
(May be waived on the basis of high school preparation or placement examination.)~~
- ~~● FLIT 201 – Intermediate Italian I Credits: 3
AND FLIT 202 – Intermediate Italian II Credits: 3
(May be waived on the basis of high school preparation or placement examination.)~~
- ~~● FLIT 311 – Spoken Italian in a Cultural Context Credits: 3~~

~~Choose three of the following, one can be from ENGL (9)~~

- ~~● ENGL 318 – Exploring Human Language Credits: 3
ENGL 318 is a writing infused course.
Available for general education credit.
This is a society and culture general education course for the Global Connections Pathway.~~
- ~~● ENGL 483 – Renaissance Literature Credits: 3~~
- ~~● FLIT 272 – The Italian Renaissance Credits: 3~~
- ~~● FLIT 300 – Special Topics in Italian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture Credits: 3~~
- ~~● FLIT 301 – Advanced Italian Grammar and Composition Credits: 3~~
- ~~● FLIT 321 – Masterpieces of Italian Literature Credits: 3~~
- ~~● FLIT 400 – Special Topics in Italian Language, Literature, Linguistics or Culture Credits: 3~~

Rationale: We are requesting that the Italian minor be deleted. Our Italian professor retired, and with enrollments struggling, we do not anticipate being able to rehire a tenure-track faculty member. With just an instructor teaching part-time it is impossible to keep the Italian minor going.