Albright allows students to individualize their curricula with special minor options. These minors, consisting of five or six courses, are designed to complement the student's major field of study. They provide an extra dimension to education and enhance career opportunities. The completion of a minor will be indicated on the student's transcript.

- Africana Studies
- Art History
- Arts Administration
- Asian Studies
- Bio-Cultural Anthropology
- Classical Studies
- European Studies
- Evolutionary Studies
- Film / Video
- Holocaust Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Legal Studies
- Marine and Aquatic Science
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Music
- Music Business
- Photography
- Public Administration and Policy Analysis
- Theatre
- Women's and Gender Studies

Africana Studies

The Africana studies minor at Albright College provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to the study of the histories, cultural practices, beliefs/ideas, and experiences of peoples of Africa and of the African Diaspora. Students will be familiarized with the various descriptive, critical, representational, and analytical approaches to the study of Africa, its peoples/diasporas, across time and space. The minor offers a curriculum that covers various disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and approaches within and across the fields of anthropology, arts, education, film studies, history, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, sociology, economics and business.

Requirements:
• One introductory course from HIS 211 “African History” or PHI 218 “African Philosophy” (other introductory courses may be approved by the program coordinators)
• Three Africana studies content courses from at least two disciplines.
• One 300- or 400-level advanced course that involves studying in depth an Africana topic or author.

For more information, contact Professor Mary Jane Androne or Professor Fouad Kalouche.

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Art History

The study of art history is essential to any basic understanding of the visual environment in which we live. What may at first appear to be "academic" actually leads to profound insights into why our modern world looks the way it does. The art history minor attempts to impart this awareness through a variety of courses covering the entire historical spectrum of human artistic endeavor, from cave painting to the latest developments in the international art scene. The art history minor is coordinated wherever possible with exhibitions in the Freedman Gallery and various programs in studio art and filmmaking. An art history course includes a field trip to one of the major museums in New York or Philadelphia. Thanks to our proximity to these art centers, students of art history at Albright College are exposed not only to the usual instructional materials but are able to study from the masterworks themselves. Specific course requirements are listed in the Art Department section.

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Asian Studies

The Albright Asian Studies Minor offers Albright students enrolled in any chosen academic concentration the opportunity to design a curriculum that focuses on the field of Asian Studies. Courses included in the program extend across different departments to allow for multiple approaches and interpretations of Asian culture, and to provide a wide range of disciplinary methodologies for developing greater understanding of the globally emerging societies of South, Southeast, East and West Asia. These fields of study include History, Political Science, Religion, Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Art and Film Studies. Students enrolled in Asian Studies will have the opportunity to choose five courses from the ones offered in the program so that they may tailor their educational experience according to their own specific interests and concerns. In addition to the curriculum offered at the
Albright campus, students will also be encouraged to study abroad, giving them the important experience of completing course work while living in the cultural worlds they are studying. Upon completion of Albright’s Asian Studies program students will be prepared to continue their education in graduate studies or to move on to a number of professional careers in Asian education, business and marketing, or social and economic development.

Requirements:

- One introductory course – PHI 217 “Asian Philosophy” or REL 266 “Asian Cultural Life”
- Three Asian Studies content courses from three different departments
- One course with a research module, either:
  - Within an Asian studies course
  - An independent research with a faculty member in the Asian studies curriculum
  - In a special topics or senior seminar course approved by the Asian Studies coordinator

Students in the Asian Studies minor are encouraged to take Chinese at Albright or Chinese or another Asian language at another institution.

Asian Studies Courses

Art Department
ART 104 Survey of Art History - Module Course

Economics and Business Department
Module Courses:
ECO 233 Comparative Economics (pre-req. ECO 105)
BUS 368 International Management (pre-req. BUS 346)
BUS 374 International Marketing (pre-req. BUS 347)

History Department
HIS 241 History of East Asia to 1800
HIS 242 History of East Asia after 1800
HIS 254 From Byzantine to Ottoman: Middle East 500-1500
HIS 255 Gunpowder Empires: Ottomans, Safivids and Mughals: Middle East 1500-1900
HIS 256 Modern Middle East

Interdisciplinary Courses
IDS 289 - Japanese Religion and Philosophy and its Impact on Business Practice (includes study in Japan)
IDS 283 – Class, Religion and Development in India (includes study in India)

Modern Foreign Languages Department
CHI 101 Elementary Chinese I
CHI 102 Elementary Chinese II
CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese I

Philosophy Department
PHI 217 Asian Philosophy

*Module Courses:*
PHI 130 Individual and Society
PHI 135 Class, Race & Gender
PHI 140 Human Nature
PHI 210 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
PHI 222 World Philosophy

**Political Science Department**
POS 340 Modern Politics in East Asia

**Religious Studies Department**
REL 152 Religions of India, China and Japan
REL 257 Buddhism across Cultures
REL 210 Asia on Film
REL 251 Islam: Ideals and Realities

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**Bio-Cultural Anthropology**

Using an evolutionary perspective, courses in the bio-cultural anthropology minor investigate how humans develop and exist in a variety of habitats. Topics of investigation include violence, sex, cooperation and ecological relationships. Specific course requirements are listed in the Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology, Family Studies Department section.

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**Classical Studies**

The study of ancient Greece and Rome has proven itself through the centuries as a (perhaps “the”) core area for study of the liberal arts, exploring the basic foundations for subsequent western religious practice, visual art, literature, government, natural science, mathematics, theater and philosophy. The Classical Studies minor at Albright combines traditional emphasis on the languages of the classical world (Latin and ancient Greek) with courses that focus on the general study and appreciation of the art, religion, culture, and history of ancient Greece and Rome. The minor requires the completion of five courses.

**Requirements:**

- Two semesters of Latin or Greek (101 & 102 or higher)
- Three additional courses from:
  - GRE 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, or 402
  - LAT101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, or 401
  - ART 105 Ancient & Medieval Art
  - ENG 270 The Classical Heritage
  - HIS 101 Early Civilizations
European Studies

The European studies minor offers students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the European continent through a multidisciplinary approach. In so doing, they can better combine their chosen major with courses that would not otherwise integrate as easily into their study track. European studies is particularly well-suited for students in the arts, philosophy, or students who are focusing on the mastery of a European language and wish to clarify the relationship of their chosen discipline to other fields. It is also helpful to students in history and political science with a concentration on non-European areas, who wish to integrate knowledge of Europe for academic, pre-professional or personal reasons.

The minor requires the completion of five courses, including at least one from each of the three following groups:

- History, philosophy, religious studies
- Anthropology, economics, political science, psychology
- Art, literature, music

Film/Video

The film/video minor provides in-depth study of film and video through a selection of five courses. Specific course requirements are listed in the Art Department section. For more information, contact Professor Gary Adlestein.

Holocaust Studies
The Holocaust studies minor offers an interdisciplinary framework for the investigation of ethical and moral choices. Studying the Holocaust shows that reason and good intentions are frequently unstable and often displaced by ruthless force. The involved faculty expects students to confront such issues as prejudice, racism, stereotyping, as well as silence and apathy in multiple contexts. Through a combination of historical, literary and religious case studies, they should develop an awareness of the value of tolerance in a pluralistic society, one that extends beyond Judaism and anti-Semitism to include other social groups by challenging bigotry and exclusion in any form.

Required courses for this minor are:

- HIS 373 The Holocaust
- REL 375 Religious Responses to the Holocaust
- SPI 232 Holocaust in American Literature or SPI 234 Holocaust in World Literature
- Two courses from HIS 270, 372; PHI 204; REL 250; SPI 230, 232, 234 (additional courses may be added to this elective list)

Contact Professors Guillaume deSyon, John Incedon or Jennifer Koosed for information about this program.

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**Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

The Latin American and Caribbean studies minor is designed for students who are pursuing other majors but who would like to become more familiar with Latin America and the Caribbean in a general way. See the [Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#) section for additional information and specific course requirements.

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**Legal Studies**

The interdisciplinary minor in legal studies is designed to help students develop a thorough understanding of our legal system and, for those considering law school, to serve as academic preparation for law school. Students study the place of the legal system among our civil institutions, and develop the ability to read, understand and assess critically court cases. This minor is open to all students interested in studying our legal system regardless of major. Six courses are required for the minor in legal studies. Specific course requirements are listed in the [Political Science Department](#) section.

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**Marine  and Aquatic Science**
The Marine and Aquatic Science Minor is a complement to studies in biology, biochemistry and environmental science. Students with an interest in both salt water and fresh water habitats can enroll in a series of classes that will enhance their knowledge of biological systems in general and focus their interest about water based habitats in specific. For students considering a graduate program in environmental science or aquatic sciences, this minor can be a conduit to graduate school. The minor is administered by the Biology Department and interested students should contact Professor Brylawski. Specific course requirements are listed in the Biology Department section.

Medieval and Renaissance Studies

The Medieval and Renaissance Studies minor enables students to examine the Middle Ages and Renaissance from multiple disciplinary perspectives, in order to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of this important and vibrant period. Students will investigate the history, literature, religion, philosophy, and arts of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and will complete a substantial original research project. This minor is suitable for anyone interested in the Middle Ages and Renaissance and is especially beneficial to anyone considering graduate work in this area.

Requirements:

- HIS 122 Medieval and Early Modern Civilization
- One Literature in Original Language from
  - ENG352 Chaucer
  - ENG354 Shakespeare
  - ENG355 Tudor/Stuart
  - ENG356 Milton
  - LAT201 Intermediate Latin
  - FRE321 French Civilization and Culture
- One Philosophy or Religious Studies course from
  - PHI210 Greek/Medieval
  - REL142 New Testament
  - REL251 Islam
  - REL253 History of Christianity to 1600
- One Elective Course approved by the program coordinator
- One Independent Study with a research paper or an approved module with a research paper in an upper-level course

Courses not listed above can be used with the approval of the program coordinator.

For more information about this program, contact Professor Lawrence Morris.
Music Program

The music program has been designed for students who want to continue to improve their vocal or instrumental performance skills within a structured academic program of music study as an addition to their chosen area of concentration. Students complete music history and theory courses as part of their program, and further develop their musical abilities through participation in one of the major performance ensembles (Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, Symphonic Band, Chamber Winds, Jazz Ensemble, String Chamber Orchestra) and/or private instruction. Specific course requirements are listed in the Music Department section.

Music Business

The minor in music business is designed primarily for non-musicians desiring to work in music industries as an addition to their chosen major. Students complete courses in the fundamentals of music history and theory and music business. Advanced students also have the option to pursue a music business internship in their area of interest. Specific course requirements are listed under the Music Department section.

Photography

The photography minor provides in-depth study of photography through a selection of five courses. Specific course requirements are listed in the Art Department section. For more information about this minor, contact Professor Tom Watcke.

Public Administration and Policy Analysis

Students considering careers in the government and not-for-profit organizations should consider this minor designed to offer the basic academic preparation for management in the public sector. Specific course requirements are listed in the Political Science Department section. Five courses are required for the minor in public administration and policy analysis. Specific course requirements are listed in the Political Science Department section.

Theatre
The theatre minor is a group of six courses that can supplement any major or combined major. The program offers a foundation in dramatic literature, theatre history, the creative process and practical skills. When enhanced by the performance and production opportunities afforded by the College's Domino Players, the theatre minor is at once an academic program, a creative outlet, and a basis for further work in theatre. Specific course requirements are listed in the Theatre Department section.

Women's and Gender Studies

The women's and gender studies minor offers a series of courses on women, gender and the family, providing a coherent grasp of women's achievements throughout history as well as a sense of female psychology and socialization. In offering students a systematic range of women's studies perspectives and fields, the minor allows them the opportunity to relate the interdisciplinary study of women's experience to the content of their major academic field of study. Specific course requirements are listed in the Women's and Gender Studies section.