

So you want to add a minor?

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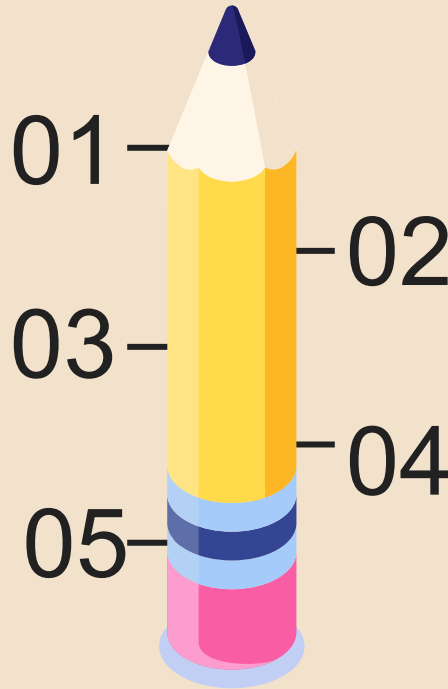


PRESENTATION OVERVIEW:

What does a minor look like at SJSU?

Fitting a minor into your academic plan

Q&A



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The benefits of having a minor in college

Options for minors at SJSU

MINORING AT SJSU

- ❖ SJSU has 134 different minors!
- ❖ Most minors are 15-20 units
- ❖ You can minor in a program inside or outside of the College of Social Sciences
- ❖ Questions about requirements for a minor should be directed to the respective department



BENEFITS OF MINORING IN COLLEGE

❖ A minor allows you to explore interests outside your main area of focus

- Ex: If you have always loved writing but don't want to commit to another major, you could pursue a Creative Writing or Comparative Literature Minor

❖ A minor can complement your major and add depth to your studies

- Ex: A Justice Studies Major might look into the following minors →

Minor - Forensic Studies

The Forensic Studies Minor is Department and the Forensic interested in crime scene investigations students wishing to enter the preservation of physical evidence analytical processes and methods probative value of evidence in of interest (Forensic Science) major.

Minor - Legal Studies

The Legal Studies Minor provides them in critical analysis of the a contemporary and historical take courses on law and social rights, law and economics, environmental and business ethics subjects. Upon successful completion deeper understanding of the international education, international relations

Minor - Human Rights

BENEFITS OF MINORING IN COLLEGE

- ❖ **A minor can be advantageous when job-searching**
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For example, a Communications major has a wide variety of job prospects. But pairing that major with a Spanish minor could make you a more marketable applicant when applying for jobs!

- ❖ **You can make connections outside of your main area of study**



Adding a minor allows your to network with students and faculty in other departments, opening up new academic and professional opportunities.

Fitting A Minor Into Your Academic Plan

- ❖ Most transfer students are able to easily include a minor in their graduation plan
- ❖ You can use your **University Electives** towards a minor
 - University Electives are classes you can choose outside of your core degree requirements

Psychology, BA

Summary of Degree Units

University Graduation Requirements	41
Major Preparation	3-4
Major Requirements	48
University Electives	27-28
Total	120

STEPS TO DECLARE A MINOR

1. Meet with the department's Minor advisor
2. Complete an official SJSU Addition/Change of Minor Form. There are two versions of the form: one for students with fewer than 90 units and one for those with more than 90 units.
 - a. Forms can be found on the Registrar's website.

****Some departments may have additional forms or requirements - always check with the department before applying.*

VISIT THE CAREER CENTER FOR MAJOR & MINOR EXPLORATION!

Career Center

Student Affairs

Services offered:

- 1:1 career counseling
- Professional development workshops
- Assistance with using Handshake
- Resume & Cover Letter help
- Interview training
- Career Fairs

ACCESS Career Center Liason:

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Explore Your Options

This is the first step in the career development process and requires you to take some personal inventory:

- Who are you, what do you want to do, and what majors and career paths align with your interests?
- What skills do you want to develop? How do you assess what employers want?
- What majors are offered at SJSU? What skills and knowledge will you gain?
- How do you identify and explore career options?

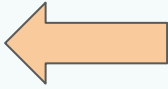
While this can sound like a daunting process, it actually is not so overwhelming when you follow our [career exploration plan \[pdf\]](#) and work with one of our professional [career counselors](#) who can walk you through the process.

Get started with the [Major and Career Exploration Guide \[pdf\]](#)!

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Transfer
Roundtable

3 pm



Attend our final workshop for this transfer workshop series!

Questions?

You can type your question into the chat box, or raise your hand.

Thank you for attending!

