

HISTORY OF CAPITALISM MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Website (<https://history.cornell.edu/undergraduate/#interdisciplinary-minor-in-the-history-of-capitalism>)

Program Description

Capitalism has delivered unrivaled prosperity, but with many social costs. Understanding capitalism's past is essential to understanding our world today—as well as tomorrow. How has it been defined? How has it developed at different times and in different parts of the world? Students undertaking the minor will be exposed to many different perspectives on capitalism, enabling them to critically reflect on economic institutions and ideas, as well as understand how our global economy has come to be.

The minor is designed to provide students with the basic vocabulary of economics and business, but to deepen it with a longer, critical perspective on the development of capitalism. "Capitalism" has had many different meanings over time and students in the minor will also learn how its meanings have changed across time and how they continue to differ across place.

This minor is offered collaboratively with courses from across the university, but is coordinated by the Department of History staff, and Edward Baptist (A&S), and Lawrence Glickman (A&S). For more information on the minor and a list of approved courses, please see the department website at: history.cornell.edu (<https://history.cornell.edu/>).

Minor Requirements

Five (5) approved courses in History, ILR, Econ and other units. Students may request the inclusion of non-approved courses.

- All five courses must be taken for letter grades, with a grade of C or better, and either 3 or 4 credits each.
- First-Year Writing Seminars do not count for the minor.
- AP, Transfer, and Study Abroad courses are *not* eligible.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		
HIST 1540	American Capitalism	
HIST 3081	Crises of Capitalism and Democracy since 1870	
Economics and Business Course		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		
ECON 1110	Introductory Microeconomics	
ECON 1120	Introductory Macroeconomics	
ECON 3030	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 3300	Development of Economic Thought and Institutions	
GOVT 3547	WIM: America, Business and International Political Economy	
GOVT 3557	Exceptionalism Questioned: America and Europe	
AEM 2241	Finance	
HADM 2250	Finance	

Historical Courses

Select three courses from an approved list: <https://history.cornell.edu/history-capitalism-minor-approved-courses> (<https://history.cornell.edu/history-capitalism-minor-approved-courses/>)