

MINORITY, INDIGENOUS, AND THIRD WORLD STUDIES MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Website (<https://english.cornell.edu/undergraduate/>)

Program Description

The Department of Literatures in English offers three minors:

“Creative Writing,” “English,” and “Minority, Indigenous, and Third World Studies” (MITWS). English majors can complete any minor except English.

Students interested in minoring with the department should submit an online Intent to Minor (<https://english.cornell.edu/intent-declare-minor/>) minor intent form as soon as possible. To declare a minor, students should submit the applicable online minor declaration form as soon as all classes to be used are known, and no later than the end of the seventh week of their final semester.

Visit the English Minors Guide (<https://english.cornell.edu/english-minors-guide/>) for the declaration forms and more information.

Successful completion of the minor will be noted on students’ official transcripts after their conferral date and when processing by their college’s Registrar is complete.

Minor Requirements

Students minoring in MITWS may distribute their eligible courses from categories such as diasporic and Anglophone literatures. The MITWS minor seeks to foster comparative thinking across domestic U.S. and international contexts, and coursework should engage with ethnic, indigenous, and/or national literatures including African, African American, Asian, Asian American, American Indian or Indigenous, Pacific Islander, Caribbean, and Latina/o.

Review the MITWS Eligible Course Sampling (<https://english.cornell.edu/mitws-minor-eligible-course-sampling/>) for examples of classes that have qualified for the MITWS minor in the past.

For questions about a course’s eligibility, please consult the department.

Notes on course credits

- All coursework for this minor is in person, in Ithaca, unless otherwise noted. Each minor requires students to pass five three- or four-credit full-semester courses at the 2000-level or higher with a minimum grade of C (no S/U grades). Courses offered by the department and all crosslisted courses qualify for the minors, even if the student is not enrolled in the ENGL section.
- First-Year Writing Seminars may not be applied toward the minors.
- A maximum of one course from transfer, study abroad, independent study, or upper-level literature courses from another Cornell department may qualify if approved by the department.