

Memo

To: Academic Senate
From: Sylvia Perez-Hardy, Chair
CC: ICC Members
Date: 12/6/2018
Re: Proposed Revision to Minor Policy D01.1

The Inter-College Curriculum proposes a revision to the Minor Policy D01.1 Section II Paragraph C. The ICC has become aware that the current Minor Policy is not uniformly applied across the university for two major reasons:

- The vagueness of the term “home program” leads to confusion about which courses can or cannot be overlapped between a major and a given minor.
- Students can take the same set of courses but depending on how they are grouped some will be eligible for a minor while others in the same major will not.
- Some degree programs would like to use minors as a guide for their students in creating secondary focus areas. Without consistency in the mapping of course overlap between a given major and a minor this is difficult to do.

The recommended revision to the Minor policy will:

- Reduce the confusion as to what courses can count towards a minor and which cannot.
- Which courses can be overlapped between the minor and the student’s major
- Facilitate the ability for more students to earn minors without lengthening the time to graduation.
- Advisors can more easily use minors to help students create secondary areas of focus for students.

For the reasons stated above ICC requests that the Academic Senate vote to approve the recommended revision to the Minor Policy.