



Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences New Minors at the Colorado School of Mines

Minor Overview:

HASS offers three new minor programs. Students who complete an HASS minor usually will automatically satisfy their Humanities & Social Sciences General Education Restricted Electives Requirement. They will also need to use their free elective hours to complete a minor. Minors are a minimum of 18 credit hours. Students should consult minor advisors for specific requirements.

Culture, Creativity, and Communication (CCC)

Description:

Given the diverse disciplinary and interdisciplinary interests of Mines students, the Culture, Creativity, and Communication (CCC) program provides a flexible, interdisciplinary range of options so students can follow particular passions bolstered by distinctive, signature experiences.

Program Requirements:

18 Credits from the following courses:

HASS 201 Workshop Foundations: The Art and Crafts of Creative Writing

HASS 300 Creative Writing: Fiction

HASS 301 Creative Writing: Poetry

HASS 305 American Literature: Colonial Period to the Present

HASS 307 Explorations in Comparative Literature

HASS 309 Literature and Society

HASS 323 Introduction to Science Communication

HASS 401 Creative Writing: Poetry II

HASS 404 Women, Literature, and Society

HASS 406 Literature of War and Remembrance

HASS 407 Science in Literature

HASS 408 Life Stories

HASS 409 Shakespearean Drama

HASS 410 20th-Century Literature

HASS 411 Literatures of the African World

HASS 412 Literature and the Environment

HASS 415 Mass Media Studies

HASS 416 Film Studies

Environment and Sustainability Studies (ESS)

Description:

Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines human interactions with the natural environment from the perspective of the humanities and social sciences. The Minor provides political, social, cultural, economic, and historical perspectives on modern environmental challenges, complementing student expertise in science and engineering. This strengthens their capacity for advanced analysis environmental issues, and prepares them for career opportunities in environmental health and safety, policy, design, and consulting.

Program Requirements:

18 Credits from the following courses:

HASS 412 Literature and the Environment
HASS 419 Media and the Environment
HASS 421 Environmental Philosophy
HASS 448 Global Environmental Issues
HASS 464 History of Energy & Environment

HASS 467 History of Earth & Environmental Sciences
HASS 486 Science and Technology Policy
HASS 487 Environmental Politics and Policy
HASS 488 Water Politics and Policy
HASS 490 Energy and Society

Global Politics and Society (GPS)

Description:

The GPS Minor prepares engineers and scientists with the knowledge and experience they need to tackle complex global issues and become leaders in their professional and personal lives, within their own countries and in the global community. Drawing primarily from the social sciences, our classes link theories with real-world problems, while enhancing students' analytical and communication skills. Courses provide the political, social, and historical contexts to better understand world regions, particularly ones with significant natural resource endowments. Topics include war, trade, energy, corruption, and religion. Fitting the Mines' mission, our courses bring a stronger focus to natural resources and energy issues than similar programs at other universities.

Program Requirements:

At least one of the following:

HASS 286 Global Politics & Society
HASS 340 Geopolitics of Natural Resources

HASS 344 International Relations

6 to 15 Credits to reach the required 18 based on how many taken of the previous courses listed. At least one must be a 400 level class.

Regional Focus:

HASS 337 Asia: Politics & Society
HASS 339 Middle East: Politics & Society
HASS 341 Africa: Politics & Society
HASS 411 Literatures of the African World
HASS 437 Asian Development

HASS 439 Middle East Development
HASS 441 African Development
HASS 442 Natural Resources & War in Africa
HASS 456 Power and Politics in Eurasia

Global Focus:

HASS 307 Explorations in Comparative Literature
EGGN 375 Engineering Cultures
HASS 431 Religion & Security
HASS 448 Global Environmental Issues

HASS 452 Corruption and Development
EGGN 475 Engineering Cultures in the Developing World
HASS 490 Energy and Society

Politics and Policy Focus:

HASS 486 Science and Technology Policy
HASS 488 Water Politics and Policy

HASS 491 Energy Politics
HASS 492 Energy & Security