**Proposed Guidelines**

**for Undergraduate Minors at OSU**

Preamble

*An undergraduate* ***minor*** *consists of a coherent curricular program designed to allow students to pursue academic interests that go beyond their major.  Students pursue minors to complement their major’s area of specialization, to better define themselves academically and to employers, to gain credit for classes previously taken that do not count towards a major degree, or merely to pursue other interests.  In addition, some academic units require their students to obtain a minor.*

***Students may take any minor in any college given that they follow the curricular guidelines set by the college or unit that administers the minor****. After considerable consultation and debate, Subcommittee B proposes additional University-wide guidelines for all undergraduate minors.*

Pre-requisites:

* Ideally none or few, but justified academically in many cases
* Pre-requisites should be clearly spelled-out in curricular proposal and advising sheets

Required for graduation

* No
* Colleges may impose a minor as a requirement for graduation for its majors (i.e., FAES)

Credit hours required:

* A minimum of 12 credit hours
* Maximum of 18 credit hours
* 1000-level courses shall not be counted toward the minimum

Upper-level/3000+-level credit hours

* Minor must include at least 6 hours at the 3000-level and above

Transfer credit hours allowed

* At least half of the credits counting toward the minor must be earned in regular OSU coursework

Overlap with the GE

* Permitted, up to 6 credit hours

Overlap between major and minor(s)

* The minor must be in a different subject than the major
* Each minor completed must contain a minimum 12 distinct hours from the major and/or additional minors. In the case of minors that require more than 12 credit hours, those hours beyond 12 may overlap with the major and /or (an) other minor(s).

Grades required

* Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
* Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor
* Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
* No more than 3 credit hrs. of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

Maximum xx93 credits allowed

* No more than 3 credit hours