This minor is designed to appeal to not only majors in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics, but complements a cross section of students in major programs from throughout the university community. It focuses on the major accomplishments of the Western intellectual tradition through courses that trace the development of literary expression, philosophical, and scientific thought, and historical understanding from their beginnings to the modern world. Courses in the minor provide direct experience with significant works of the Western tradition, and also expose students to crucial ideas and themes that shaped Western thought and culture. Such exposure cultivates the intellectual skills of analysis and creative expression, and promotes an understanding of the inherent intellectual debate and diversity within the Western Intellectual Tradition.

Prerequisites. Students must have completed one year of calculus (MATH 143) or the second year of a foreign language (FR 122, GER 122 or SPAN 122). The prerequisites reflect the centrality of both mathematics and language to the Western intellectual tradition. Mathematics pervades the modern world and has a particularly close connection with the human capacity for learning. To study a language other than English is to study English as well, and promotes insight into language in general as the articulation of experience and the discourse of reason.

Courses used to satisfy the required 12 units in Group A and 16 in Group B must be chosen outside the student's major and from at least two disciplines in each group.

Group A ........................................................................................................ 12
Select 12 units from the following:
- Great Books World Literature (C1)*:
  - ENGL 251, 252, 253
- Western Civilization:
  - HIST 110 or 111
- Philosophical Classics (C2)*:
  - PHIL 230 or 231
- PHYS 211 Modern Physics I (4)
- POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought (4)

Group B ........................................................................................................ 16
Select 16 units from the following:
- British Literature (C4)*:
  - ENGL 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335
- Shakespeare (C4)*:
  - ENGL 338 or 339
- American Literature (C4)*:
  - ENGL 340, 341, 342
- History:
  - HIST 307 (D5)*, 436, 451, 452, 453, 454
  - MATH 419 Introduction to the History of Mathematics (4)
- Philosophy (C4)*:
  - PHIL 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 332, 421
- Political Thought:
  - POLS 330, 337
- SPAN 416 Don Quixote (4)

TOTAL: 28 units