RUTGERS
School of Arts and Sciences

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS ACCEPTED FOR SAS DEGREE:

- The minor should be appropriate for a liberal arts and sciences degree awarded by a comprehensive research university.
- The minor should require a minimum of 18 credits.
- The minor should require a reasonable mix of lower level and upper level courses.
- Any special requirements should be clearly indicated such as pre-requisites outside the department (for example, math pre-requisites) or minimum grades required in particular courses. (An overall GPA requirement for the minor cannot be set higher than that required for graduation, 2.0.)
- Offering unit should have demonstrated expertise in the area of the minor and the minor should not duplicate or compete with minors offered by other units.
- If the minor involves courses offered by other departments or schools, the approval of those departments or schools is required.
- Student learning outcome goals for the minor should be clearly articulated, and a plan for assessment of achievement of those goals by students completing the minor should be included.
- The faculty member responsible for overseeing the minor, advising students, and certifying completion of the minor should be indicated --- for typical minors offered by SAS academic departments, this would be the Department Chair or the Undergraduate Chair/Director.
- Minors offered by SAS Departments or programs must be approved by the SAS Curriculum Committee (contact Susan Lawrence slawrence@sas.rutgers.edu).
- Minors offered by units that are not SAS Departments or programs must be approved by the SAS Core Requirements Committee (contact Sharon Bzostek, sbzostek@sas.rutgers.edu)

FYI: Current SAS Policy on Minors

Degree Requirements - SAS Office of Academic Services

Major and Minor
All SAS students are required to complete a major and a minor.
The requirement for a minor will be waived for students completing multiple majors and for second degree candidates. The requirement of the minor will also be waived for students transferring to SAS from the Rutgers School of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, or Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick if at time of transfer they have amassed 18 or more credits, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, in Engineering, Pharmacy or Business subjects. Effective for students graduating in January 2010 and beyond, the requirement for a minor may be waived for students completing extraordinarily credit-intensive majors. Credit intensive majors are indicated on the Majors and Minors page for SAS students. Students in credit intensive majors are strongly encouraged to complete a minor, even though they are not required to do so.

When to Declare a Major and Minor
Full-time students normally declare their major after their first year and before the end of the second semester of their second year, although some majors encourage students to declare even earlier in order to facilitate the planning needed for an appropriate sequence of the courses required to complete the major within four years. Part-time students normally declare their major by the time they have completed 60 credits. Declaration is done by submitting a major/minor declaration form to the Office of Academic Services or online. Some academic departments may have prerequisites and/or require approval by an advisor.

Students who have not declared their major and minor by the time they have completed 60 credits will not be permitted to register for the next term until they have either declared or met with a general education advisor to develop a specific and approved plan of study. For transfer students who have transferred 45 or more credits, this restriction on registration will not apply until the end of their second semester.

List of Majors and Minors
A list of majors open to SAS students is available online. Students are strongly urged to consult with an academic advisor and the specific departments offering the majors they are considering during their first year at the SAS. Some majors, including many in the sciences and the foreign languages, require that courses be sequenced in a particular way, making planning during the first year crucial to timely completion of the major.

Restrictions
The major and the minor may not be selected from the same academic program. In general, there are no SAS restrictions on selection of available majors and minors; however, some combinations are prohibited. Please check the requirements of the specific major and minor.

Overlap between Major and Minor
Any credits satisfying major requirements may also satisfy minor requirements and vice versa unless specifically prohibited by the particular major or minor program.

Overlap between Major/Minor and Core Curriculum
Any credits satisfying major or minor requirements may be used to satisfy SAS Core Curriculum requirements unless prohibited by the major or minor.
Any credits satisfying SAS Core Curriculum liberal arts distribution requirements may count toward a major or minor unless prohibited by the major or minor