

# Humanities

## MINORS

Art

Communications

English

History

Modern Languages

Philosophy

Political Science

Theology and Religious Studies



## What is a minor?

A minor is a cluster of related courses completed in addition to a major. Most minors consist of courses offered by a single college department or division, but certain minors (American Studies and Women's Studies, for example) include courses offered by several departments.

Minors require the completion of from 18-24 credits from among a list of required and/or suggested courses. The *Molloy College Undergraduate Catalog* lists available minors and the course requirements for each in a section beginning on page 250.

## Why Minor?

- **Build Skills and Knowledge**

A minor can help you develop skills valuable in your chosen major and career. Minor in **Writing** or in **Professional Communications**, for example, will help you become a better communicator. Or, you might minor in **Spanish** to help you connect with people you meet on the job. A **Philosophy** minor can help you think critically, surely an important skill for career and for life.

- **Pursue an Interest**

Additionally, a minor can be a way of following a passion while majoring in a career field or another interest. Minor and have the best of both worlds!

- **Enrich Your Life and Build Your Resume**

Choose a minor to show potential employers (and remind yourself) that you are not one dimensional. Did you know, for example, that twentieth century American poet Wallace Stevens was a lawyer and corporate executive by day? And Harvard professor and geneticist Pardis Sabeti is also the lead singer for a Cambridge based alt-rock band called Thousand Days.

## Why Humanities?

Why study the humanities? Studying the humanities can enrich your life. However, searching for a clear link between higher education and jobs, many students question the value of the humanities. But why limit your possibilities? Choosing what to study in college need not be an either/or situation. **The humanities do not lead students away from jobs; in fact, the humanities prepare you for professional careers.** Nurses, businessmen or women, social workers, speech pathologists, etc., are human beings who deal with other human beings. Studying great thinkers and artists can help you reflect on life's situations, make reasoned decisions, and practice your profession more humanely. **So maybe the question is "Why not minor in the humanities?"**



## **MINORS: FINE ARTS**

**ART HISTORY,**

**DIGITAL ART,**

**MUSEUM/GALLERY STUDIES**

### **Why a minor in Fine Arts?**

- To achieve personal enrichment and expression
- To tap into that feeling of personal satisfaction that only a successfully completed art project can give

### **Why a minor in Art History or Museum/Gallery Studies?**

- To expand one's knowledge of Art History beyond the Gen Ed requirement
- To connect Art History and a variety of Molloy majors (especially Business) with New York City's museums and galleries as a resource for employment opportunities

### **Why a minor in Digital Art?**

- To link one's major (possibly Communications, New Media, Business, etc.) with the personal skill-set of industry standard digital art software programs, such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects and Autodesk Maya (3 Dimensional Computer Graphics/Animation).



## Why minor in communications?

- To become skilled in getting one's message across
- To learn how various media use specific techniques to influence others in business, entertainment, and public life
- To learn to analyze critically and evaluate effectively the messages that others send
- To understand that new media both present new opportunities and call for critical analysis
- To learn to critically analyze both the form and content of emerging media
- To discriminate between healthy media use and misuse or overuse
- To learn how to use new media to increase civic engagement and to build and sustain community

**Minors in Communications:** (See course catalogue for specific requirements)

**New Media:** 18 credits including courses in Online Content Production, Civic Engagement with New Media, and History of Digital Media

**Media:** 18 credits including courses in Field Production, History of Media and Film Art.

**Professional Communications:** 18 credits include courses in Public Relations, Advertising, and Organizational Communication

**Journalism:** 18 credits in reporting, writing, on-line journalism, and including practical application of skills; may be taken under either Communications Department or English Department



## Why minor in English?

- To explore the power of words and ideas
- To sharpen writing skills and critical thinking
- To pursue a love for literature, writing or journalism

## Potential employers care about clear, effective written communication.

Whether you are majoring in a professional field or another liberal arts discipline, choosing any of the minors offered by the English Department will help you learn to express your ideas clearly and smooth your path to success. **And you'll get to read interesting ideas about life expressed in powerful language.**

**Minors in English:** (See catalog for lists of required courses)

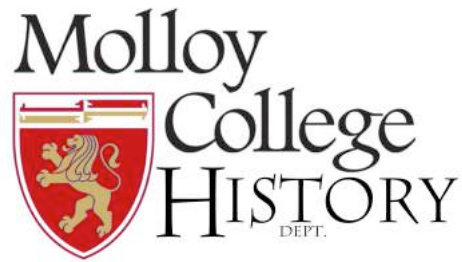
**English:** 18 credits in literature and writing

**Journalism:** 18 credits in reporting, writing, on-line journalism, and including practical application of skills; may be taken under either Communications Department or English Department

**Writing:** 18 credits including courses in different types of writing (journalism, script writing, creative writing, and business writing are among the choices), the history of the English language, and an internship.

**American Studies:** 19 credits in English, history, political science, philosophy, and the arts examine the idea of America and its effects on individuals and cultures within the United States and abroad.

**Irish Studies:** 18 credits in Irish literature, history, and cultural anthropology.



## **Why minor in History?**

History is a discipline which studies and analyzes human experience across time and space. It involves research and analysis of the past and present to better understand the future.

We have a varied selection of courses encompassing every continent from ancient times to the present. History specializations include diplomatic, intellectual, military, economic, and geographic-specific areas such as the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. A minor in history will provide you with the knowledge needed to have a firm grasp of critical issues along with the skills to succeed in pursuit of your future career.

**Minor in History** (See Catalog for list of required courses)

**History:** 18 credits including courses in Western Civilization I & II, American Civilization I & II, and any 2 elective courses in History.

Visit

<http://www.molloy.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/historypolitical-science>  
to learn more about the minor and the careers it supports.



## Why Minor in Spanish or Italian?

- To acquire an indispensable tool that will allow students to advance as professionals in a globalized society
- To increase the possibilities of obtaining a better job
- To foster and broaden an appreciation of other cultures, for language is the soil where culture develops
- To build a sense of responsibility in a local and global community
- To experience new ideas, to exercise the mind, to benefit from cultural diversity, to obtain graduate fellowships, as well as to work with a transnational enterprise

As ease of communication improves and the world grows smaller, competency in more than one language is important. Knowing a second language helps you as a professional, opens doors to the enjoyment of other cultures, and makes you a better informed global citizen.

**Minors in Modern Languages:** (See catalog for lists of required courses)

**Spanish:** 18 credits including courses in grammar and in culture and a selection of credits from courses in composition, conversation, and literature, as well as a language internship.

**Spanish for the Health Professions:** 18 credits in grammar, conversation, culture, and vocabulary, with some courses specifically geared to preparing those in health related fields to communicate with Spanish speaking clients; students have the option to participate in a language internship.

**Italian:** 18 credits to be taken from a selection of Italian language and culture courses.



## **Why Minor in Music?**

- To explore the power of music and sound
- To develop creative and artistic thought
- To pursue a love for music performance, music creation, or production

## **A minor in music can be a powerful tool for the creative professional.**

In a world where media plays such an important role, a minor in music will provide students with a deeper understanding of music creation, performance, or production. Music can be a powerful tool in developing creative thought and discipline.

**Minors in Music:** 18 credits. (See catalog for lists of required courses)

The Molloy College Music Department offers a Music Minor with a focus on either: Performance or Music Technology. Both minors are 18 credits. The Molloy College Music Department has the latest infrastructure to support students in their creative pursuits. This includes a dedicated Mac lab where students can work on creative projects and piano skills, as well as a recording and mixing studio equipped with everything students require to produce and record their projects. The studio is equipped with a 5.1 Surround Sound system for mixing multichannel works. Computers are equipped with state of the art software, including: Logic, Digital Performer, Pro-Tools, Native Instruments, Waves, Ableton Live, and Max/MSP and Jitter, among others. Students can perform with our ensembles, and be active participants in the musical life of the college.





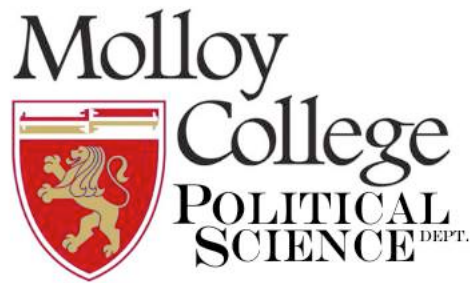
### **Why minor in Philosophy?**

- To examine the meaning of life and humanity's place in the universe
- To strengthen critical thinking
- To sharpen moral awareness
- To enhance one's proficiency in oral and written communication

**Minors in Philosophy** (see catalog for list of required courses)

**Philosophy:** 18 credits including courses in critical thinking, ethics philosophical persuasion or research in philosophy, and selected philosophical theories and traditions

**Applied Ethics:** 18 credits including courses in critical thinking, philosophical persuasion and research in philosophy, and ethical decision making as it is applied to a variety of professions and situations in modern life.



## **Why minor in Political Science?**

Learning how governments are constructed, act, and relate with each other is critical to understanding our domestic and global environment. It involves theory, policy, and practice, both nationally and internationally. Equally important are the critical issues that affect us all: the environment, technology, and security. A minor in political science will provide you with the knowledge to have a firm grasp of these issues along with the skills needed to succeed. Political Science specializations include American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory among others.

**Minor in Political Science** (See Catalog for list of required courses)

**Political Science:** 18 credits including courses in Fundamentals of Government, American National Government, Comparative Politics I & II, and any 2 elective courses in Political Science.

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## Why minor in Theology and Religious Studies?

The spiritual dimension of the human person is a basic element of human identity; thus, religious experience has been a central dimension of all human cultures. In today's globalized world, religious literacy is essential for all educated persons. For this reason, both theology and religious studies play an indispensable role in a liberal arts curriculum. In accordance with the Dominican tradition that is Molloy's heritage, theology and religious studies are foundational in the pursuit of truth in the context of the individual and collective search for meaning.

### Goals

- To assist students to reflect on and personally engage in the search for meaning as a central dimension of human identity
- To develop students' understanding and appreciation of the breadth of human religious experience in today's culturally diverse world
- To enable students to critically assess and evaluate religious concepts in their historical and contemporary expressions, as these inform understandings of the sacred dimension of reality
- To develop students' ability to articulate and demonstrate moral reasoning

### Minor in Theology and Religious Studies

18 credits, including 9 credits in Bible, Christian beliefs, and ethics, and 9 elective credits in TRS and ETH. Please see the chairperson if you have questions about whether particular courses apply.

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