



PhD Minor Requirements

The purpose of a minor is to give breadth and depth to the PhD program beyond the major area and thesis subject by studying a coherent body of work that:

- (1) is separate and distinct from the major;
- (2) develops specialized skills; and
- (3) is taken as a graduate student.

Students may **choose either Option A or Option B** to satisfy the PhD minor requirements. A PhD minor proposal form may be obtained from the CEE Website or from the graduate student services coordinator in 2308 Engineering Hall.

Option A – Requirements

Option A requires a minimum of 10 credits in a single department or major field of study. The student should contact the individual Department for specific requirements (some Departments may require more than 10 credits for the minor) and obtain approval of the proposed minor from the minor Department.

Option B – Requirements

Option B allows a student to develop breadth and special skills not available in a single department/major field of study. A minimum of 10 course credits in one or more departments, possibly including course work in the major department, must be completed. All courses must be graduate level courses.

A **complete proposal must** include a list of the specific courses selected for the minor and a one or two paragraph statement that explains how the proposed courses provide a coherent body of work that develops specialized skills distinct from the major. The proposal must also include a list of courses completed and planned for the major and a brief description of the expected thesis topic. A PhD minor proposal form may be obtained from the CEE Website or from the CEE/ECE/GLE Student Services Office in 2312 EH. The minor proposal must be approved before or, by the time six of the total credits required for the minor are completed.

Option B - Procedures

PhD minor option B proposals must be approved by at least three faculty members of the student's PhD thesis committee. **The approved proposal will then be placed on the agenda of the next CEE faculty meeting for information only.**



Ph.D. Minor Agreement Form – Option B

Name (last, first, middle)

10-digit ID number

Name of degree major

Area of specialization within CEE

Minor area(s) of specialization

Date

_____ Original Agreement _____ Revised

List minor courses as they will appear on your UW-Madison transcript:

| Dept. | Course # | Course Title | #Cr. | Grade | Semester/Yr Taken |
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Student’s justification for selection of Option B as a minor (please provide additional information on a separate page if necessary):

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