



Minor guide

A minor guide for students who started their studies before 2018.

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1. General info

If you started your Bachelor's programme before September 2018, you will take two minors (worth a total of 30 EC). The rules regarding minors are listed below.

Rules and regulations

- You can choose from two minors, each worth 15 EC, or one minor worth 30 EC.
- The choice of minors from the selection is entirely free, with the condition that you must meet any entry requirements at the minor or course level.
- With effect from academic year 2020-2021 you may choose two elective minors. An elective minor must be approved by the Examination Board.
- Programme minors are no longer offered in academic year 2023-2024. You can, however, still choose courses worth 15 or 30 EC from one study programme as an elective minor (after getting approval from the Examination Board).
- You can choose up to 15 EC of first-year courses when filling your minor space.
- A minor taken outside of the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies counts as an elective minor.
- Multiple minors taken abroad are permitted. These “study abroad minors” do not count as elective minors.

Types of minors

1. Interfaculty minors (15 EC)
2. The internship minor (15 EC)
3. The study abroad minor (15 or 30 EC)
4. The elective minor (15 or 30 EC)

Transitional scheme

If you started your Bachelor's degree between September 2014 and September 2017, you will take two minors (together 30 ec). The rules can be found [here](#).

Since Faculty minors are no longer offered by the Faculty of Arts, you may submit a substantiated request to the Examination Board to replace the course(s) you have not yet completed with another course, provided that the content matches the

minor in question. This would allow you to complete the faculty minor after all. You can also use the course(s) you have already passed in another (e.g. an elective) minor, or include them in the extracurricular space. For this, too, you must always submit a substantiated request to the examination board.

2. Types of minors

The following types of minors are offered for students who started before September 2018:

1. Interfaculty minor (15 EC)
2. The internship minor (15 EC)
3. The study abroad minor (15 or 30 EC)
4. The elective minor (15 or 30 EC)

In addition, there are bridging programmes.

Interfaculty minors

- Cultural Sexuality Studies
- Gender, Culture and Society
- Middle East and North Africa
- Dutch Language, Culture and Communication (for international students)

If you choose an interfaculty minor, you do not have to use an elective minor (see below).

Internship minor

The content of the internship depends on the agreements that are made with the organisation offering the internship once the internship has been approved by the degree programme. The organisation of the internship minor is handled through Career Service Arts.

Study abroad minor

This minor is completed by taking courses at a foreign university. The organisation of this minor is handled through International Office Arts.

Elective minor

With effect from academic year 2020-2021 you may compose two minors yourself from courses inside and/or outside the faculty. This is an “elective minor”. An elective minor must be approved by the Examination Board. An elective minor consists of 15 or 30 EC, is cohesive and complete in its content, and involves both introductory and advanced courses.

Please remember that you can only choose **up to 15 EC of first-year courses** when filling your minor space.

You can also fill your elective minor with (parts of) a thematic minor. Click [here](#) for more information about the thematic minors.

Another option is to fill your elective minor with courses from one of the disciplinary packages. Every degree programme of our faculty selected content from the major of the degree programme and is intended for students outside of that programme (any potential entry requirements must still be observed). Remember that you can only choose **up to 15 EC of first-year courses** when choosing courses.

Bridging programmes

You can use your minor space to prepare yourself for the content of a Master’s programme, especially if you would like to take a Master’s programme that is not directly related to your Bachelor’s programme. More information can be found [here](#).

3. Study abroad minor (30 ec)

Relevant programme:	All Faculty of Arts programmes
Minor coordinator:	Maaïke van Gerven, MA
Open to:	Students from all Faculty of Arts programmes, who started before September 2018

Period:	1-4
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In today's world, going abroad as part of your degree programme is becoming increasingly common. Students can choose to study abroad (take courses at a foreign university as part of a study abroad minor) or pursue an internship (at a foreign institute as part of the internship minor). The Faculty of Arts considers it very important for students to obtain at least 15 ECTS abroad. If you obtain more than 15 ECTS abroad, you can use the extra credits to fill an elective minor. You can also choose to devote the full 30 minor credits to a study abroad minor. Of course, you will first need to have the minor(s) approved by the examination board, otherwise the credits you obtain abroad cannot be awarded officially.

For more information about studying abroad, visit ru.nl/letteren/facultyofarts/studyabroad or make an appointment during office hours.

4. Internship Minor

Relevant programme:	All Faculty of Arts programmes
Minor coordinator:	drs. Margriet Joosten
Open to:	Students from all Faculty of Arts programmes, who started before September 2018
Entry requirements:	The first year (propedeuse) must be passed for the internship minor
Period:	1-4

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Have you always wanted to gain practical experience in your field during your study? The internship minor is the perfect opportunity. You will perform specific tasks in an organisation of your choice. An internship is an efficient way to explore the professional field, to bring theory into practice and to gain a better understanding of your own qualities and shortcomings. After you have finished your internship minor, you will have more knowledge about your capacities, wishes and ambitions. Furthermore, employers scan your CV on practical experience, so this minor may give you an advantage over your competition.

What is the time period for an internship?

The minor requires you to invest at least 420 hours (15 ECTS) in your internship. This equals three months of full-time work, but it is also possible to spread the hours over a longer period of time. The exact start and end date will be determined in consultation with your internship company/organisation.

Support from Career Service Arts

If you are unable to find an internship, you should always check the Career Service Arts [database](#) for suitable internships. It is also advisable to make an appointment with the internship coordinator of Career Service Arts, who will advise you in your further search.

Have you already found a suitable internship? Then apply for a new case in Osiris Case to have your internship approved ([read more](#)).

More information

A complete and detailed [manual](#) is available on the website of Career Service Arts, in which the process including the assessment is described.

5. Elective Minor Arts

Relevant programme:	All Faculty of Arts programmes
Minor coordinator:	Your programme's study advisor
Open to:	Students from all programmes
Entry requirements:	None
Period:	1-4

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In addition to the range of pre-defined minors, you can also choose to compile your own minor from courses offered within and/or outside the faculty. This is known as the elective minor. An elective minor must be approved by the examining board of your Bachelor's programme. Please keep the following points in mind when compiling your elective minor. An elective minor:

- consists of at least 15 ECTS
- forms an in-depth and unified whole
- is ideally taken in a single semester
- is spread out over both periods
- consists of both introductory courses (level 1) and in-depth courses (advanced)

You can also fill your elective minor with (parts of) a thematic minor. Click [here](#) for more information about the thematic minors.