Southern & Arkansas Studies
(21 hours total required)

Core
(9 hours required)
select from the following courses:

ENGL 4362 Southern Literature & Folklore
HIST 4345 The South to 1865
HIST 4346 The South since 1865
HIST 4355 The Role of Arkansas in the Nation
GEOG 3380 Geography in Arkansas
PSCI 3336 Local Government & Politics
ANTH 3300 Regional Anthropology
(when Ozarks is the topic)

Electives
(9 hours required)
select from the remaining core courses above and/or from the following:

ENGL 4380 African & African-American Literature
ENGL 4382 Race in American Literature
(when southern writers are the focus)
HIST 3353 African-American History to 1868
HIST 3354 African-American History since 1868
HIST 4330 Civil War & Reconstruction
ANTH 3315 Native American Cultures

In consultation with the minor advisor, students may substitute appropriate courses from any department for one of the electives listed above.

Capstone Course
(3 hours required)
selected from the following:

INDEPENDENT STUDY: Research project to be supervised by faculty of student’s choice
INTERNSHIP: Internship approved by coordinator in consultation with the student

Students seeking to continue the minor must meet with the coordinator the semester before finishing the program in order to set up the independent study or internship.

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GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM

The Interdisciplinary Minor in Southern and Arkansas Studies provides undergraduates with an opportunity to broaden their understanding of the unique culture, politics, history, and geography of Arkansas and the South. Students can select from a rich variety of courses to explore key issues shaping Southern society such as race, economic development, religion, politics, migration, and the impact of Arkansas and the South on popular culture. Through the program, students also deepen their understanding of the development and impact of regional identity in its national and global contexts.

In addition to providing an interdisciplinary foundation of study in the humanities and social sciences, the Southern and Arkansas Studies program offers students training and opportunities for individualized learning experiences through independent research projects and internships. As students learn about the South and Arkansas, they also acquire research and problem-solving skills vital to making their own contribution to our current understanding of our communities, state, and region.

Exciting Possibilities

This minor provides students with the background and expertise for a variety of careers, including:

- History
- Business
- Journalism
- Politics
- Education
- Museum work
- Policy studies
- Parks and tourism
- Law
- Non-profit organizations

Internship opportunities include:

- The Old State House Museum
- The Ozark Folk Center
- Faulkner County Museum
- Clinton Presidential Center
- Mosaic Templars Museum
- Arkansas Secretary of State’s Office
- Arkansas State Parks
- LR Central High School National Historic Site
- Washington Center
- Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture