A Topical Minor is composed of 24 semester credits selected by the student to meet the student’s own interests and scholarly objectives. Courses for the minor may be chosen on the basis of a coherent theme, a historical period, a definable professional need, or complementary relation to the student’s major.

The Topical Minor is not intended to be used to duplicate any major or minor offered as a regular program.

The Topical Minor must include courses from at least two prefixes, with no more than 15 credits from any one prefix and no more than six credits from the student’s major. Courses applied to the major cannot be applied to the minor. At least 12 of the 24 credits must be earned in courses numbered 300 or above, and at least 15 of the 24 credits must be earned in Arts and Sciences courses.

Procedures. The Topical Minor electronic form is accessed from the College of Arts and Sciences website (https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences), then Blugold Insider and Student Dashboard. The student plans the minor in consultation with an appropriate faculty advisor, and obtains the advisor’s approval. The plan for the minor must then be submitted to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office for approval. This approval must be obtained after the student has earned a total of 30 credits, but before the student has earned 88 credits toward a degree.

Students proposing a Topical Minor are responsible to ascertain that they are eligible to register for the courses included in their Topical Minor. They must meet, for example, all individual course prerequisites and GPA requirements or have received explicit permission from the department/program offering the course. In addition, for courses offered in one of the other colleges, college admission requirements must be met or written permission obtained from the Dean of that College before enrollment is possible.