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, an historical period, a definable professional need, or a complementary relationship 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 within the UW System. The student should find a faculty member willing to direct the topical minor and work closely with that adviser to design the minor.

The Topical Minor must include courses from at least two departments, with no more than 15 credits from any one department and no more than six credits from the department of the student’s major. Courses included in the major cannot be applied to this minor. At least 12 of the 24 credits must be earned in courses numbered 300 or higher, and at least 12 of the 24 credits must be earned in College of Education and Human Sciences courses. The remaining credits can be earned from any College within the University. To propose a topical minor students should work with an adviser and complete an e-form located on the College of Education and Human Sciences website.