



Minor vs Certificate

Can it Apply to Your Degree Program?

	ASSOCIATE	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S	RESTRICTS TRANSFER CREDIT	REQUIRES A DIFFERENT AREA OF STUDY	CAN BE A STANDALONE PROGRAM
Minor		✓		✓	✓	
Certificate					✓	✓

Minor Addition: A minor must be in a discipline different from your major to broaden your educational experience. You may choose to add a minor to your bachelors degree; it may increase the total program requirements and/or reduce transfer credit that can be applied. Minors must have a minimum of 3 unique courses not required by the bachelor’s program.

Certificate: Must be a standalone program. Certificate programs are available to students who seek a shorter program focused on career development or knowledge of a specific discipline. Students are required to take a minimum of 18 semester hours, although some certificates may require up to 26 semester hours. Prior APUS and transfer credit can apply to a certificate only enrollment as long as there is/are new course(s) to establish the minimum required GPA for graduation.