

The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences

Critical and Cultural Theory (CRITCL-MN)

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While minor programs are not required for graduation, students are encouraged to complete them. They are especially useful for students to indicate a breadth of interest that goes beyond narrow specialization.

The **Critical & Cultural Theory Minor** is excellent preparation for graduate school in the humanities and social sciences, and it can enhance the quality of one's undergraduate experience and one's life outside the university. The core course, English 3331, Thinking Theoretically, focuses specifically on the skills of critical thinking. The electives work with foundational texts of many disciplines and train students in the ways that theories function to organize and advance knowledge about the world and of how human beings interact with the world. It helps students develop the tools for the thoughtful examination of culture and its various constructions, from social structures to political processes to various kinds of art objects. The minor crosses a wide variety of disciplines, such as African and African-American Studies, Anthropology, Comparative Studies, Economics, English, Geography, History of Art, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

The Cultural and Critical Theory Minor is an interdisciplinary program which requires 15 credits distributed as follows: the 3-credit core course (English 3331), one 3-credit course from each of the three broad categories of the minor, listed below, and an additional 3 hours from any listed category, all at the 3000 level or above, including the optional capstone course, Arts Sci 4531.

**Required Core Course:**

English 3331: Thinking Theoretically

Students must take at least one course from the three categories below.

**Category A: Disciplinary Theory**

Comp Std 5970: Foundational Approaches to the Study of Religion  
Econ 3048: Ethics and Social Responsibility in Economic Life  
Linguistics 4100: Phonetics  
Philos 3750: Introduction to Theory of Knowledge  
Philos 3600: Introduction to Philosophy of Language  
Philos 5750: Advanced Theory of Knowledge

**Category B: Theory in Practice**

AfAmASt 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Races, Gender, Class and Sexuality  
AfAmASt 3440: Theorizing Race  
CompStd 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality  
Comp Std 4845 : Gender, Sexuality, and Science  
English 4573.02: Rhetoric and Social Action  
Geog 5502: The Neoliberal City  
Geog 5601; Foucault, Power, Governance  
Philos 3420: Philosophical perspectives on Issues of Gender  
Philos 3440 : Theorizing Race  
Pol Sci 3910: Identity Politics  
WGSSt 4845; Gender, Sexuality, and Science  
WGSSt 4921: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality  
WGSSt 4575: Women's studies Senior Seminar  
WGSSt 5620; Topics in Feminist Studies

**Category C: Transdisciplinary Theory**

English 4559: Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory  
English 4573.01: Rhetorical Theory and Criticism  
English 4576.01: History of Critical Theory I: Plato to Aestheticism  
English 4576.02: History of Critical Theory II: 1900 to Present

English 4576.03: History of Critical Theory III: Issues and Movements  
Geog 5601: Foucault, Power, Governance  
Philos 3810: Philosophy of Action  
Philos 5450: Advanced Aesthetic Theory: Aesthetics and Normality  
Philos 5650: Advanced Philosophy of Science  
Pol Sci 3420: Political theories of Democracy

**Cultural and Critical Theory minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. All courses in the minor must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval: The minor is complete if a student takes the above coursework and meets the requirements on this sheet. Meeting with an advisor in the academic unit offering the minor is not required

Changing the minor Any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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