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
AFAmASl 4921: Intersections: Approaches to Races, Gender,
Class and Sexuality
AFAmASl 3440: Theorizing Race
Comp Std 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.

Approval required by: The minor course work must be approved by the
academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form  The minor program form must be
filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a
college or school counselor.

Changing the minor  Once the minor program is filed in the college
office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit
offering the minor.

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