

Minors

There are many possible minor fields that students can take. Ph.D students must have two minors and M.S. students one.

Selecting a Minor

It's typical for students to explore possible minors and minor advisors during their first year through coursework and seminars. Once you have a sense of what minor you're interested in and who you might want to be your minor advisor, talk to Vivek, and then reach out to the potential advisor (ccing Vivek) to ask. You should be as specific as possible about the field/concentration you'd like the advisor to represent, as many faculty are members of multiple fields.

Minor Requirements

Double Dipping

You can't generally use the same course to satisfy major and minor requirements. This is not usually an issue, as most Cornell majors don't have large course requirements, so things are pretty flexible.

Minor requirements are ultimately up to the minor advisor, who is also a member of your special committee. In some cases, there are more specific requirements imposed by the field. These requirements do not have to be met prior to the A exam, as you can keep taking classes afterwards.

Some common minors for students in our group:

Civil and Environmental Engineering

The CEE minor is pretty broad and specifics are up to the faculty in a particular concentration, but typically this will involve 2-3 classes.