

A young man with light brown hair, wearing a blue and black striped long-sleeved shirt, is seated in a classroom. He is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression, holding a pen over an open book on his desk. In the background, other students are visible, some looking at laptops. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent blue and purple graphic on the left side.

EXPLORE **MINORS** AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

As you look forward to your college career, you may be asking yourself, “Should I pursue a minor?” While you certainly don’t need to answer this question right away, understanding minors and the wide variety of options here at Chatham can help you make a decision that fits in with your professional goals. Whether you are a lover of dance, plants, or data analytics, here are some questions to consider.

“My Pre-Law minor gives me the flexibility to take more social science classes outside of my major, which is refreshing and provides me with a change in scenery and content covered. I would like to go to law school, and the Pre-Law minor is helping me build a foundation in that field.”

VICTORIA STREETON '27

*Sustainable Energy &
Urban Systems*

What is a minor?

Simply put, a minor is a secondary focus in addition to your major. It allows you to take a couple of classes in an area that interests you, while still pursuing your major. If there are areas of study you want to explore outside of your major, then a minor is for you.

What are the benefits?

Not only do minors allow you to explore your interests, but minors can help set you apart when seeking employment post-graduation. They also open your studies to new classes, professors, and professional connections.

What will it take?

Minors at Chatham are easy to obtain with most requiring five to six courses for a total of 15-18 credit hours. Your academic advisor will work closely with you to make sure that you graduate on track with the minor or minors you desire.

Does it have to relate to my major?

No! Minors can complement your major or be entirely separate. Dreaming of being a biologist but have a love for the stage? You can get the best of both worlds with a major in biology and a minor in theatre.

Do I need a minor?

You do not have to pursue a minor and can choose instead to just focus on your major. If at any point during your time at Chatham you change your mind, your academic advisor will happily help you pick a minor and get you started.

MINORS

OFFERED AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

With over 50 minors offered, there's something for everyone to explore their interests. Don't see what you're looking for? You can work closely with your academic advisor to self-design a minor that suits you.

African American Studies	French	Professional Writing
Accounting	German	Psychology
Applied Machine Learning	History	Social Justice
Applied Management	Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights	Social Services Administration
Art History	Jewish Studies	Social Work
Art Museum Studies	Management Information Systems	Spanish
Biology	Marketing	Studio Arts
Botany	Mathematics	Sustainability & Society
Business	Media Arts: Film & Digital Technology	Sustainable Business Studies
Chemistry	Media Arts: Graphic Design	Sustainable Energy & Urban Systems
Communications: Public Relations	Media Arts: Photography	Sustainable Natural Resource Management
Communications: Journalism	Music	Theater
Creative Technology	Music Business	Women's and Gender Studies
Creative Writing	Music Technology	
Criminology	Neuroscience	
Dance	Nutrition	
Data Science Analytics	Philosophy	
Economics	Physics	
English	Political Science	
Environmental Writing	Pre-Law	
Exercise Science		
Food Studies		

POPULAR MAJOR + MINOR

COMBINATIONS

Wondering what minors might pair well with your major? Here are some common combinations:

MAJOR

Arts Management
Business
Communication
Chemistry

Education
Environmental Science
History
International Studies
Management

Marketing
Policy Studies
Psychology
Sustainability

MINOR(S)

art museum studies, studio arts, art history, business
accounting, economics, sustainable business studies
English, creative writing, professional writing, marketing
data science analytics, mathematics, sustainable energy & urban systems
Spanish, psychology
botany, biology, sustainability & society
pre-law, political science, social justice
French, German, Spanish
management information systems, sustainable natural resource management
psychology, graphic design, public relations
pre-law, political science
biology, criminology
biology, botany, environmental writing

“My minor in botany allows me to take classes that I'm interested in that complement my major. These classes help me form a deeper and highly specialized understanding of the natural world around me.”

—JOHN MAMAS '23, environmental science

FEATURED MINORS

BUSINESS

The business minor at Chatham equips students across disciplines with essential technical, team building, and analytical skills for today's professional world. Students are taught traditional business strategy with a unique commitment to addressing issues such as sustainability, diversity, and responsible business in a global context.

Sample courses include:

- Entrepreneurial Ventures and Strategy
- Advertising and Promotion
- Persuasion
- Leadership and Management
- Data Visualization and Communication
- Consumer Behavior

PSYCHOLOGY

One of Chatham's largest, the psychology minor gives students the opportunity to explore contemporary theory and research in psychology while teaching them to think scientifically about behavior and mental processes. Students in the program have flexibility to specialize within their minor on a wide range of topics in the world of psychology, including development, psychobiology, and abnormal behavior.

The program equips students with essential public speaking, interpersonal, and research skills to pursue careers in social services, counseling, education, management and more.

Sample courses include:

- Motivation
- Personality
- Abnormal Behavior
- Psychopharmacology
- Childhood and Adolescence
- Animal Behavior

FEATURED MINORS

NUTRITION

This minor complements many majors, including nursing, exercise science, and more. The background and skills provided by the minor curriculum help students distinguish fact from fiction when confronted with constantly evolving nutrition research, information, and products. Students can access evidence-based information and be informed consumers themselves, while also applying these skills to their primary area of study.

Sample courses include:

- Personal Nutrition
- Exercise and Nutrition
- Nutrition Across the Lifespan
- Community Nutrition
- Sports Nutrition
- Food Science Principles and Practice

APPLIED DATA SCIENCE

The applied data science minor is part of a growing field that blends computer technology, statistics, and business to manage, organize, and analyze the massive amounts of data produced by modern technologies every day. Students learn about information systems and build a strong foundation in analytical methods and tools. With a minor in data science analytics, students can stand out to employers increasingly looking for data and analytical skills that help problem-solve and create new insights in industry, healthcare, government, non-profits, and beyond.

Courses include:

- Information Systems & Operations
- Introduction to Programming
- Database Management Systems
- Data Visualization and Communication

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AT CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

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“*Having a photography minor alongside a journalism major has given me a more in-depth and creative understanding of an already existing aspect of journalism. Additionally, I had the opportunity to explore the relationship between my major and minor in a summer study abroad journalism and photography program that took place in the south of France.*”

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