The purpose of the Social Thought minor is to enable graduate students in a variety of fields to study theories of society across conventional disciplinary boundaries. The minor enables qualified students to enrich their own chosen fields of study with readings and discoveries from other, contiguous fields.

**Minor Requirements**

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements for minors in Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/) and GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

The minor requires at least 15 credits of courses with social thought content. These are courses taught by STP Affiliated Faculty or those approved by the STP Advisory Committee. Those 15 credits must include the following: at least 9 credits of courses from outside the student’s major discipline and SOCTH 501. In addition, at least one member of the student’s dissertation committee must be an STP Affiliated Faculty and preferably be from outside the student’s major discipline.

**Courses**

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.