**4.1.4 Graduate Minor**

Minors are available in many disciplinary and interdepartmental graduate programs. Some programs offer only a minor. In other programs, students may declare either a major or a minor. Programs offering a major are not required to offer a minor. A student may not major and minor in the same discipline for a single degree or across multiple degrees. To illustrate, a student earning a Ph.D. in computer science may not minor in statistics for their Ph.D. program if they are also pursuing an MS in statistics

In all cases:

* the student must receive approval to pursue the minor from the offering program;
* to complete the minor, the student must meet the requirements established by the program;
* a minor must be approved by the student’s committee and both the major and minor DOGE via the POSC
* the minor must be listed on all examination reports, and on the Application for Graduation, to appear on a student’s transcript after graduation;
* a graduate minor must comprise graduate or undergraduate courses designated as appropriate by the program offering the minor;
* the student must have a minor representative on their committee,
* on that committee, the major professor and the representative from the minor field may not be the same person;
* for students pursuing a master’s degree, the minor representative on the POSC committee must evaluate the student’s competence in the subject area of the minor during the final oral examination;
* for students pursuing a doctorate, the minor representative on the POSC committee must evaluate the student’s competence in the subject area of the minor during the preliminary and final oral examinations; and
* if a doctoral student wishes to add a minor after the student is in candidacy status (preliminary examination passed), their POSC must be revised to declare the minor and to add a minor committee representative, and the preliminary examination must be retaken.