

MAJORS, MINORS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Columbia University School of General Studies offers the following majors and other programs of study. GS students must complete a major to receive a bachelor's degree. Most GS students graduate with one major.

Occasionally, students may opt to pursue two majors. Or students may opt to pursue a minor, in addition to their major. Minors provide students the opportunity to focus some of their elective coursework on exploring a secondary field of interest. Many academic departments offer both a major and a minor.

Majors

GS students may choose their majors from the following areas of study.

- [African-American Studies](#)
- [American Studies](#)
- [Ancient Studies](#)
- [Anthropology](#)
- [Applied Mathematics](#)
- [Archaeology](#)
- [Architecture](#)
- [Art History](#)
- [Art History and Visual Arts](#)
- [Astronomy](#)
- [Astrophysics](#)
- [Biochemistry](#)
- [Biology](#)
- [Biophysics](#)
- [Chemical Physics](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Classics](#)
- [Climate and Sustainability](#)
- [Climate System Science](#)
- [Cognitive Science](#)
- [Comparative Literature and Society](#)
- [Computational Biology](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Computer Science-Mathematics](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Data Science](#)
- [Drama and Theatre Arts](#)
- [Earth Science](#)
- [East Asian Studies](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [Economics-Mathematics](#)
- [Economics-Philosophy](#)
- [Economics-Political Science](#)
- [Economics-Statistics](#)
- [English](#)

- [Environmental Biology](#)
- [Environmental Chemistry](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Ethnicity and Race Studies](#)
- [Evolutionary Biology of the Human Species](#)
- [Film and Media Studies](#)
- [Financial Economics](#)
- [French](#)
- [French and Francophone Studies](#)
- [German Literature and Cultural History](#)
- [Hispanic Studies](#)
- [History](#)
- [History and Theory of Architecture](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- [Information Science](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#)
- [Linguistics](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Mathematics-Statistics](#)
- [Medical Humanities](#)
- [Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Neuroscience and Behavior](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Physics](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Political Science-Statistics](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Regional Studies](#)
- [Religion](#)
- [Russian Language and Culture](#)
- [Russian Literature and Culture](#)
- [Slavic Studies](#)
- [Sociology](#)
- [Statistics](#)
- [Sustainable Development](#)
- [Urban Studies](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)
- [Women's and Gender Studies](#)
- [Yiddish Studies](#)

Minors

The following programs are offered as minor programs of study.

- [African-American Studies](#)
- [American Studies](#)
- [Anthropology](#)
- [Archaeology](#)
- [Architecture](#)
- [Art History](#)
- [Biology](#)
- [Catalan](#)

- [Chemistry](#)
- [Classics](#)
- [Climate System Science](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Drama and Theatre Arts](#)
- [Earth and Environmental Science](#)
- [Earth and Space](#)
- [East Asian Studies](#)
- Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
- Education Studies
- [English](#)
- [Film and Media Studies](#)
- [French and Francophone Studies](#)
- German
- German Thought and Critical Theory
- Hispanic Cultures
- Hellenic Studies
- [History](#)
- [History and Theory of Architecture](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Jewish Studies](#)
- [Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#)
- [Linguistics](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- Mathematical Probability
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Mediterranean Studies
- Modern Greek, Language, Literature, and Culture
- [Music](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Religion](#)
- Science and Society
- Slavic and Eastern European Culture
- Slavic and Eastern European Language and Culture
- [Sociology](#)
- [Statistics](#)
- [Sustainable Development](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)
- [Women's and Gender Studies](#)
- [Yiddish Studies](#)

Special Programs

The following areas of study are offered exclusively as special programs.

- [Business Management](#)
- [Public Health](#)
- [Urban Teaching](#)

Concentrations and Special Concentrations

Students who matriculate in Fall 2024 and thereafter have the option to pursue a minor and/or a special program, in addition to their required major.

Students who matriculated prior to Fall 2024 may have already declared or intend to declare a concentration. These programs of study are being phased out of the curriculum for GS students in the 2024-25 academic year. Students who matriculated prior to Fall 2024 will still be able to declare concentrations if they so choose, but they must do so by May 2025. After that point, GS students will no longer be able to declare concentrations. Students who matriculate in Fall 2024 and thereafter may not declare concentrations.

Students who matriculated prior to Fall 2024 may have already declared or intend to declare a special concentration. Special concentrations that were developed in partnership with Columbia's professional schools or affiliated programs, e.g., in Business Management and Public Health, will be renamed special programs starting in Fall 2024. Other special concentrations will be phased out and, in many cases, minors in these areas will be offered instead. However, as with the concentration, students who matriculated prior to Fall 2024 will still have the option to declare special concentrations in these areas but must do so by May 2025. Students who matriculate in Fall 2024 and thereafter may not declare special concentrations.

The following programs have been offered as concentrations and special concentrations and will continue to be available to students who matriculated before Fall 2024. Many of these programs now offer minors, and continuing students who have not already declared these concentrations may find it makes more sense to declare minors in these areas, as minors tend to be smaller programs of study. These continuing students who have not already declared concentrations or special concentrations must do so before May 2025.

- [African-American Studies](#)
- [American Studies](#)
- [Anthropology](#)
- [Applied Mathematics](#)
- [Archaeology](#)
- [Art History](#)
- [Astronomy](#)
- [Biology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Classics](#)
- [Comparative Literature and Society](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Earth Science](#)
- [East Asian Studies](#)
- [Economics](#)

- Education
- English
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Science
- Ethnicity and Race Studies
- Evolutionary Biology of the Human Species
- French
- French and Francophone Studies
- German Literature and Cultural History
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History and Theory of Architecture
- Human Rights
- Italian
- Jazz Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies
- Modern Greek Studies
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Portuguese Studies
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian Language and Culture
- Russian Literature
- Russian Literature and Culture
- Slavic Studies
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Sustainable Development
- Visual Arts
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- Yiddish Studies