

IUB Award of COAS Minors for Teacher Education Candidates

Proposed Policy: 1) Students may be awarded a minor in a field designated as a minor in the College of Arts and Sciences by meeting the requirements identified for that minor by COAS. 2) Students may not be awarded a minor in a COAS field that is the same as their Education major. 3) Students may only “double count” one course for their School of Education major and a COAS minor.

To be considered by IUB Committee on Teacher Education on March 21, 2016

Background: Two years ago the School of Education began awarding COAS minors to Elementary candidates who meet the requirements established by COAS for those programs. Recently, some Secondary and All Grades candidates have requested that they be awarded a COAS minor by double-counting courses required for their SoE major. Informal policy has been that this not be allowed, because SoE majors are the same as COAS majors, and it would be redundant to issue a minor in the same field. In addition, COAS is opposed to an SoE policy that would award minors that are the same as SoE majors or involve double-counting of SoE major requirements. This proposal would formalize the requirement for COAS minors awarded by SoE by bringing our requirements in line with those in COAS. Note that this policy does not apply to minors within the School of Education.