The Minor in Music History provides an understanding of the historical roots of contemporary music. Courses cover classical music from the 12th to the 20th centuries, jazz, rock and roll, global ethnomusicology, and the divergent branches of recent experimental forms. The Minor in Music History requires 18 credit hours of MUS course work, 9 of which must be upper-division (3000+ level). All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Required courses (18 credits):
- MUS 2050 - Jazz History
- MUS 2100 - Rock and Roll Music
- MUS 2850 - Topics in Music History and Research I
- MUS 3150 - Introduction to Ethnomusicology
- MUS 3850 - Topics in Music History and Research II
- MUS 4750 - Contemporary Music: Cultures, Designs, and Aesthetics