

CREATIVE STUDIES MINOR

Minor Code: CRS

Creativity and Change Leadership Department

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Today many sources, such as LinkedIn and the World Economic Forum, argue that creativity and creative thinking are among the most crucial workplace skills. Creativity is an effective resource that resides in all people and within all organizations. Our more than 50 years of research has conclusively demonstrated that creativity can be nurtured and enhanced through the use of deliberate tools, techniques, and strategies. Through our undergraduate courses, our students develop essential life skills that they can apply to their personal and professional lives. In addition, a Minor in Creative Studies can be used to set job applicants apart from their competition and demonstrate to prospective employers that a Buffalo State graduate is prepared with 21st century workplace skills.

Some of the core competencies developed through the undergraduate minor include:

- Expertise in facilitating problem-solving teams
- Enhanced ability to manage diverse groups
- Ability to develop, implement, and support an environment that nurtures creative thinking
- Learn a practical skill set for individual and group problem solving
- Ability to use problem solving tools to define complex problems, to generate creative solutions, and to transform solutions into action
- Learn theories and models for managing and coping with change in a complex world
- Increased effectiveness in decision making
- Sound theoretical base for understanding creativity
- Learn strategies to nurture the creative talent of others
- Enhanced leadership capabilities
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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses (15 credit hours)		
CRS 205	FOUNDATIONS IN CREATIVE THINKING	3
CRS 302	CREATIVE APPROACHES TO PROBLEM SOLVING	3

CRS 303	CREATIVE LEADERSHIP THROUGH EFFECTIVE FACILITATION	3
CRS 304	DEVELOPING CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING FACILITATION SKILLS	3
CRS 320	APPLICATIONS OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION	3
Electives (3 credit hours)		
Select 3 credit hours of approved elective		3
Total Credit Hours		18

To apply for the Creative Studies minor or for additional information about these courses, contact the Creativity and Change Leadership Department (creativity@buffalostate.edu).