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Choose one of the following:
SOST 4391: Topics in Social Studies
SOST 4392: Issues in Social Studies

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ECO 1301: Survey of Economics
ECO 2301: Principles of Macroeconomics
ECO 2302: Principles of Microeconomics

Two courses chosen from the following:*
GEOG 3350: U.S. Historical Geography
GEOG 3351: World History and Geography
GEOG 3352: Latin American Historical Geography
GEOG 3353: Political Geography
GEOG 4395: Urban Historical Geography
URBS 4302: Topics in Latin American Urbanism

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HIST 3301: Mexico
HIST 3320: The World Since 1914
HIST 3330: History of Latin America
HIST 3392: Survey of the Middle East
HIST 3393: History of Asia
HIST 3394: History of Africa
HIST 4302: Greek and Roman History
HIST 4320: The Middle Ages
HIST 4330: Renaissance and Reformation
HIST 4340: Early Modern Europe, 1600-1789
HIST 4341: Nineteenth Century Europe
HIST 4342: Modern Europe, 1914-1990
HIST 4391: Problems in World History
PSCI 3305: Government and Politics of Europe
PSCI 3308: Latin American Political Systems
PSCI 3310: Studies in Comparative Politics
PSCI 3340: International Law and Organization
PSCI 4307: The Interamerican System
PSCI 4309: Mexican Politics and Government
PSCI 4335: International Politics

*Students are not allowed to “double-dip”; that is to say, courses taken for this minor cannot also count towards the course requirements in their majors.*