Polymers and soft materials are critical components of existing and next-generation technologies. The Minor in Polymers and Soft Matter is designed to equip students with the basic knowledge of polymer science and engineering required to solve problems in this diverse and essential field. Students pursuing the minor complete four foundational subjects focusing on organic chemistry, polymer physics, and polymer engineering; a half-subject (6 units) on the basics of ethical guidelines for research; and one elective subject or approved UROP experience. Only one subject taken for the Minor in Polymers and Soft Matter can also count toward a student’s major or another minor.

### Required Subjects
- **3.063**  
  Polymer Physics  
  12 units
- **5.12**  
  Organic Chemistry I  
  12 units
- **10.01**  
  Ethics for Engineers  
  6 units

### Select one of the following:

- **3.019**  
  Introduction to Symbolic and Mathematical Computing and Mathematics and Computational Thinking for Materials Scientists and Engineers I  
  12 units
- **18.03**  
  Differential Equations  
  12 units

### Select one of the following:  

- **2.001**  
  Mechanics and Materials I  
  12 units
- **3.020**  
  Thermodynamics of Materials  
  12 units
- **5.60**  
  Thermodynamics and Kinetics  
  12 units
- **10.10**  
  Introduction to Chemical Engineering  
  12 units
- **20.110[J]**  
  Thermodynamics of Biomolecular Systems  
  12 units

### Electives

- **Select one of the following:**
  - **2.001**  
    Mechanics and Materials I  
    12 units
  - **2.627**  
    Fundamentals of Photovoltaics  
    12 units
  - **3.010**  
    Structure of Materials  
    12 units
  - **3.013**  
    Mechanics of Materials  
    12 units
  - **3.023**  
    Synthesis and Design of Materials  
    12 units
  - **3.055[J]**  
    Biomaterials Science and Engineering  
    12 units
  - **5.07[J]**  
    Introduction to Biological Chemistry  
    12 units
  - **5.13**  
    Organic Chemistry II  
    12 units
  - **5.43**  
    Advanced Organic Chemistry  
    12 units
  - **5.60**  
    Thermodynamics and Kinetics  
    12 units
  - **10.00**  
    Molecule Builders  
    12 units
  - **10.10**  
    Introduction to Chemical Engineering  
    12 units

### Total Units

- **63-72 units**

1. These subjects can count as part of the required subjects or as restricted electives, but not both. Students majoring in Course 2, 2-A, or 2-OE cannot count 2.001 toward the minor. Students majoring in Course 3, 3-A, or 3-C cannot count 3.010 toward the minor. Students majoring in Course 5 cannot count 5.60 toward the minor. Students majoring in Course 10, 10-B, 10-C, or 10-ENG cannot count 10.10 toward the minor. Students majoring in Course 20 cannot count 20.110[J] toward the minor.

2. Students must select an elective subject that is outside of the major field of study as approved by their minor advisor. As a general guideline, the elective should be from outside of the student’s major department.

3. Students can substitute a one-semester UROP (12 units) in an area of research relevant to polymers and soft matter science or engineering. The UROP must be approved by minor advisor.

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