

Literacy Minor and AUA Video Outline

1. Positive Effects of adding a Literacy Minor

- A. Network with professors
- B. Gain knowledge in all areas of Literacy instruction, applicable to:
 - Your field placement
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Current teaching placements
 - Your classroom, once you graduate
- C. Only 3 extra classes for EGP and MGP students
- D. Fulfills elective credit requirements for non-dual majors
- E. Makes you eligible to join Alpha Upsilon Alpha

2. Some of the courses include:

- A. Assessment in Literacy Instruction
- B. Reading Practicum
- C. How did the Assessment course help with your Reading Practicum?
 - Taught you how to administer fluency assessments (a requirement that you have to fulfill in the practicum)
 - How to score the assessments
 - How to interpret the data from those assessments
 - Not only did the Assessment course help with the Reading Practicum, it was also helpful when going into student teaching.
- D. Shows you are competent
- E. Gives you confidence and credibility
- G. Enhances your professionalism
- H. Enables you to establish, build, and strengthen a good rapport with your cooperating teacher

3. Benefits of the Literacy Minor

- A. You can join [Alpha Upsilon Alpha \(AUA\)](#)
- B. What is AUA?
 - The Honors Society for Literacy Minor students
- C. When you join West Chester University's chapter of AUA, you're joining the International Literacy Association (ILA) as a student member
 - Gives you [ILA resources](#)
- D. What do we do as AUA members?
 - Services projects on campus
 - Organize community events
 - Like Literacy Fairs at local elementary schools
 - Professional development
 - Workshops for students
 - Addressing social issues in your classroom
 - Discussion panels
 - E-portfolio building
- E. Our favorite events:
 - Scholastic book fair on campus.
 - The money raised is used to buy books for students in the community.
 - Literacy Fairs
 - Able to explore literacy activities that range for all developmental ages.
 - Letter identification
 - Decoding nonfiction texts
 - Fun interacting with students
- F. Other Benefits:
 - Help you become a leader and stand out in the Education Department
 - Network with a lot of schools and families in the community
 - Strengthen connections and relationships with students by being active with them outside of the community
 - Enhance your resume