PHILOSOPHY, MINOR

Program Requirements
The philosophy minor requires a minimum of 21 semester hours of philosophy course work. At least 12 of those hours must be at the upper-division level.

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Total Hours 21

¹ Students are encouraged to take PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy (3 sch) and PHIL 2303 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking (3 sch) as early as possible in their pursuit of the minor.

Courses
PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An examination of major philosophical issues such as the existence of God, freedom and determinism, moral rights and obligations, and the nature and limits of human knowledge.

TCCNS: PHIL 1301

PHIL 2303 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Basic principles and techniques used in understanding, constructing, and evaluating arguments. Topics covered may include formal methods of analyzing arguments, informal fallacies, scientific reasoning, and moral arguments.

TCCNS: PHIL 2303

PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course includes a study of ethical theories and principles, and application of those theories and principles to ethical issues.

TCCNS: PHIL 2306

PHIL 3306 History of Eastern Philosophy I
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An historical and critical examination of traditional Indian philosophical and religious systems (such as various versions of Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism) and their relevance for contemporary people and societies.

PHIL 3307 History of Eastern Philosophy II
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A historical and critical examination of some of the philosophical and religious systems developed in China, Tibet, and Japan (such as various schools of Mahayana Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Zen Buddhism).

PHIL 3327 American Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An introduction to American philosophy and the influential movement known as Pragmatism. The course focuses on the works of C.S. Peirce, William James, John Dewey, and George Santayana. Issues addressed include skepticism, the rejection of foundationalism, the role of belief in inquiry, verification and meaning, and the nature of truth.

PHIL 3342 Philosophy of Love and Sex
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
This course is a study of the ethics of human relationships. Topics include friendship, romance, marriage, sexual orientation, adultery, promiscuity, sexual consent, sexual harassment, rape, pornography, and prostitution.

PHIL 3343 Philosophy of Law
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An introduction to philosophical issues concerning the law, such as the nature of law, relations between law and morality, theories of legal responsibility, and the role of law in society.

PHIL 3344 Social and Political Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A survey of classical and contemporary material in social and political philosophy, covering topics such as individual liberty and government intervention, the role of government, and social justice.
PHIL 3345 The Meaning of Life  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
An exploration of a variety of views concerning the meaning of life. Three  
kinds of responses to the question of life’s meaning will be examined:  
theistic responses; non-theistic responses focusing on the creation of  
personal meaning within a natural universe; and responses that challenge  
the intelligibility of the question regarding the meaning of life.

PHIL 3346 Elementary Formal Logic  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
A course on technical methods and foundational issues in Philosophy,  
Computer Science, and Mathematics. Topics include the Propositional  
Calculus, First-Order Predicate Calculus, meta-theoretic results (such as  
consistency, soundness, completeness, and decidability), and Zermelo-  
Fraenkel Set Theory.

PHIL 3347 Philosophy and Science Fiction  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
An exploration of issues in contemporary philosophy such as the nature  
of life, personhood and self, knowledge and skepticism, time travel, and  
obligations to the non-human world. The course combines the reading  
of purely philosophical works with an examination of contemporary works  
of science fiction (including novels, short stories, and films).

PHIL 3348 Ethics, War, and Terrorism  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
Why is it wrong to kill? Is killing an innocent person ever justified? Under  
what conditions can we justify war? How should we respond to terrorist  
threats? The course explores ethical theories in application to these and  
similar issues.

PHIL 4303 Minds and Machines  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
A study of the relationship of the mental to the physical as it pertains to  
the foundations of psychology, artificial intelligence, and robotics.

PHIL 4337 Philosophy and Language  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
A philosophical investigation into the nature of language. Topics  
include meaning, truth, theories of mediated reference, theories of direct  
reference, and speech acts.

PHIL 4338 Ethics, War, and Terrorism  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
In this course, we will discuss the following questions among  
others: What is the nature of truth? Should truth be understood as  
correspondence with reality? What is it to know something? Is knowledge  
of the external world possible at all? Can I conclusively rule out the  
possibility that I might be dreaming right now, or that I might be just  
a brain in a vat? Are there any privileged beliefs that can be said to  
constitute the foundation for all of our knowledge? Are the standards for  
rationality and justification absolute or rather relative to cultural norms?  
Can there be rational disagreement between equally intelligent people  
who share the same body of evidence?

PHIL 3321 Ancient Philosophy  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
A survey of the ancient Western philosophical tradition, including the  
Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle, and the Hellenistic Philosophers.

PHIL 3322 Modern Philosophy  
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)  
A study of some of the major philosophical developments of the 17th  
and 20th centuries, focusing on topics such as the relation between mind  
and body, religious belief and the problem of evil, rationalism and  
empiricism, and the limits of human knowledge.