

PHILOSOPHY MINOR

In every major area of study there are questions about values or methodology that philosophy can explore. So, philosophy can deepen your understanding of your major field of study. In addition, philosophy trains a person to think rigorously about fundamental questions—to express ideas clearly and logically—to understand and evaluate conflicting points of view—to reason in a careful way. These intellectual skills are useful in almost any career. And of course, like every minor, philosophy is an area of knowledge that has its own intrinsic value.

Please contact our Undergraduate Program Director, Dr. Richard Kim (rkim7@luc.edu), with any questions!

Curriculum

All minors must take at least six courses in philosophy, at least two of these being 300-level courses.

Each student's minor program must include:

Code	Title	Hours
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 283	Business Ethics	
PHIL 284	Health Care Ethics	
PHIL 285	Contemporary Ethical Issues	
PHIL 286	Ethics and Education	
PHIL 287	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 288	Culture and Civilization	
PHIL 289	Philosophy and Gender	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the metaphysics/epistemology group:		3
PHIL 130	Philosophy & Persons	
PHIL 271	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 272	Metaphysics	
PHIL 273	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 274	Logic	
PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 276	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 277	Aesthetics	
PHIL 279	Judgment and Decision-Making	
Two elective philosophy courses at any level (e.g., another core course from either Tier 1 or Tier 2, or a 300-level course)		6
Two elective philosophy courses at the 300-level.		6
Total Hours		18

You can design a program to fit your own needs. If you plan a law career, for example, you would likely want to emphasize areas like reasoning, evidence and political theory. Academic counselors can help you design a program. What follows are some suggested sequences for students preparing for careers in law, business, medicine, or religion. Of course, the general requirements stated above must be incorporated in these suggested sequences.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Law

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 181	Ethics	3
PHIL 274	Logic	3
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	3
or PHIL 330	Theory of Knowledge	
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 323	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 326	Political Philosophy	
or PHIL 327	Topics in Political Philosophy	
PHIL 375	Philosophy of Marxism	
One additional 300-level course		3
Total Hours		18

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Business

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 181	Ethics	3
or PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 274	Logic	3
or PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 285	Contemporary Ethical Issues	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 323	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 321	Ethics and Society	
or PHIL 326	Political Philosophy	
or PHIL 327	Topics in Political Philosophy	
PHIL 375	Philosophy of Marxism	
One additional 300-level course		3
Total Hours		15

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Health

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 181	Ethics	3
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 273	Philosophy of Science	3
or PHIL 381	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 284	Health Care Ethics	3
Select two 300-level electives with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 321	Ethics and Society	
PHIL 369	Philosophy of Medicine	
PHIL 380	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	
Total Hours		18

Suggested Minor Sequence in Religion

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 181	Ethics	3
PHIL 271	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 305	Medieval Philosophy	3
or PHIL 340	Philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas	
PHIL 380	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	3
Select one additional 300-level course. Suggested courses include the following:		3
PHIL 310	Issues in Philosophy of Human Nature	
PHIL 312	Problems in the Philosophy of God	
Total Hours		15