Philosophy, Minor

Curious minds can add a philosophy minor to whichever degree they are studying. Reading comprehension combined with logical writing and reasoning skills creates a well-informed citizen and prepares you for the workplace.

Description

The minor in philosophy provides students with an understanding of philosophical inquiry and method. The program offers an introduction to central themes both in the history of philosophy and in the current literature. Students in this minor have the opportunity to sharpen their critical-reasoning skills while addressing profound questions regarding the nature of:

- existence
- knowledge
- law
- morality
- politics
- science

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus or online

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2020 - 2021 Minor Map
A minor in philosophy consists of 18 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be upper-division. At least six upper-division credit hours must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Each course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

The minor in philosophy is also available to complement the studies of ASU Online students. Certain course selections below are offered as oCourses to accommodate ASU Online students.

**Subdisciplinary Electives -- 18 credit hours**

Subdisciplinary Elective (6)
Upper Division Subdisciplinary Elective (12)

Available subdisciplines are epistemology, ethics and political philosophy, history of philosophy, logic and metaphysics. Students choose courses from the philosophical subdiscipline lists, with no more than two courses from any single track. Courses in the "other" list cover multiple subdisciplines and students may apply these courses within the minor without limit. Students should consult with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies about a proposed selection of courses before enrolling.

**Epistemology**

PHI 313: Probability, Evidence, and Decision (3)
PHI 314: Philosophy of Science (HU) (3)
PHI 325: Philosophy of Social Science (HU or SB) (3)
PHI 330: Theory of Knowledge (HU) (3)

**Ethics and Political Philosophy**

PHI 105: Intro to Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 107: Introduction to Philosophy of Sex and Love (HU) (3)
PHI 120: Introduction to Medical and Bioethics (HU) (3)
PHI 306: Applied Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (HU) (3)
PHI 310: Environmental Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 320: Bioethics (HU) (3)
PHI 324: Existential Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 326: Philosophy of Happiness (HU) (3)
PHI 335: History of Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 337: Ethical Theory (HU) (3)
PHI 338: Metaethics (3)
PHI 347: Philosophical Theories of Constitutional Law (3)
PHI 360: Business and Professional Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 370: Sports Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 405: Moral Psychology (3)
PHI 406: Moral Dilemmas (L or HU) (3)
PHI 408: Feminist Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 409: Eco-Community Ethics (HU) (3)

History of Philosophy

PHI 304: Existentialism (HU) (3)
PHI 328: History of Ancient Philosophy (HU & H) (3)
PHI 329: History of Modern Philosophy (HU & H) (3)
PHI 401: Rationalism (3)
PHI 402: Empiricism (HU) (3)
PHI 403: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy (HU) (3)

Logic

PHI 103: Principles of Sound Reasoning (L or HU) (3)
PHI 333: Symbolic Logic (3)
PHI 413: Advanced Symbolic Logic (3)

Metaphysics

PHI 318: Philosophy of Religion (HU) (3)
PHI 331: Philosophy of Language (HU) (3)
PHI 332: Metaphysics (HU) (3)
PHI 334: Philosophy of Mind (HU) (3)

Other

PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 311: Philosophy and Literature (HU) (3)
PHI 319: Philosophy, Computing and Artificial Intelligence (CS) (3)
PHI 322: History and Philosophy of Sustainability (3)
PHI 339: Philosophy of Art (HU) (3)
PHI 390: Jewish Philosophy (3)
PHI 391: Historical Perspectives on Philosophy and Religion (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None
Incompatible Majors: BA in philosophy; BA in philosophy (morality, politics and law)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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