



Pittsburg State University
College of Arts and Sciences Program Guide

Department: History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences

Minors

As of Fall 2017

Minor in Philosophy

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Pythagoras is said to have coined the word philosophy which to the Greeks meant being a friend of wisdom. While wisdom is intrinsically valuable and philosophy has traditionally been a central element in a liberal education, a philosophy minor also can provide students with transferable skills relevant to vocational success. Students not only can be exposed to the nature of ethics and aesthetics but also to logic and how one comes to understand the limits of truth, knowledge, and intellectual justification. Philosophy trains the individual to think rigorously and precisely, traits which are an especially good preparation for law school, as well as those professions in which the identification and solving of problems are important components of vocational success.

A minor in philosophy requires the following (21 hours)

Required Courses:

PHIL 103: Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 208: Logic	3

Three hours chosen from

PHIL 105: Ethics	3
PHIL 112: Biomedical Ethics	3
PHIL 113: Business Ethics	3
PHIL 114: Environmental Ethics	3

Electives in philosophy (12 hours)

PHIL 207: Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 231: World Religions	3
PHIL 310: History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 311: History of Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 313: Topics in Philosophy	3
PHIL 314: Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 315: Nineteenth Century Philosophy	3
PHIL 316: American Philosophy	3
PHIL 317: Analytic Philosophy	3
PHIL 318: Continental Philosophy	3
PHIL 320: Philosophy of Religion	3
JUST 322: Ethics and Justice Policy	3
POLS 450: Political Philosophy	3
JUST 538: Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 645: Directed Readings in Philosophy	1-3

- Or other approved elective courses

Notes

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.