

PHILOSOPHY MINOR

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Mission

By helping students to develop critical and creative reasoning skills, by teaching ethical frameworks, and by bringing the perspective of philosophy to their thinking, philosophy helps students think, argue, and communicate more clearly and effectively about themselves, their place in society, human knowledge, and moral problems. Philosophy aims at bringing the tools of the discipline to the student to encourage inquiry and the questioning of basic assumptions.

Minor Description

Philosophy asks the big questions: Who am I? What is there? What can be known? How should I live? These lead to other questions about the relationship between the mind and the body, appearance, and reality, truth and opinion, right and wrong, freedom and determinism, the individual and society, human beings and nature, and God and the afterlife. To ask these questions is to examine our most basic beliefs about human existence and the world we live in. At the same time, philosophy does not provide pat answers, but claims with Socrates that the goal is to live "the examined life." For this reason, the study of philosophy cultivates the skills of clear thinking and effective argumentation.

Philosophy Minors will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate philosophical arguments
- Give, orally or in writing, a philosophical argument
- Identify and explain philosophical problems along with possible solutions
- Identify, explain, compare, and contrast the views of important philosophers
- Explain philosophical methods
- Give examples of how philosophy bears on their other studies and on human life in general

Philosophy connects with many other disciplines, and students from all majors are invited to enroll in our courses and to seek a minor in Philosophy. For instance, students majoring in Medical Biology may take Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science, and Bioethics. Psychology majors might be interested in Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, and Race, Racism, and Beyond.

Admissions

See Undergraduate Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/admissions/>) for more information.

Transfer Credit

See Undergraduate Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/admissions/>) for more information.

Financial Information

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. For more tuition and fee information, please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/financial-information-undergraduate-programs/>) section.

Curricular Requirements

The minor in Philosophy requires the completion of six courses (a minimum of 18 credits) with the PHI prefix. At least three of the six courses must be 300-level or greater.

Code	Title	Hours
Select at least six of the following courses with three courses at the 300- level or higher:		
PHI 110	Problems of Philosophy	
PHI 125	(Phil of Friendship, Love, Marriage, and Sex)	
PHI 160	(Science, Pseudo-Science, and Weird Ideas)	
PHI 201	Bio-Medical Ethics	
PHI 205	The Future of Humanity	
PHI 250	(Thinking Critically About Moral Problems)	
PHI 276	Philosophy Human Traditions I	
PHI 278	Philosophy Human Trad II	
PHI 302	Debating Ethics	
PHI 303	Race, Racism & Beyond	
PHI 304	(Social and Political Philosophy)	
PHI 307	(God, Life, and the Hereafter)	
PHI 320	(Readings in History and Philosophy of Science)	
PHI 325	Topics in Philosophy	
PHI 330	(Environmental Philosophy)	
PHI 340	(Appearance, Reality & Truth)	
PHI 350	(Ancient Philosophy)	
PHI 370	Philosophy of Psychology	
PHI 401	(Directed Study in Philosophy)	
PHI 402	Philosophy of Biology	
PHI 430	What's Really Real?	
Total Hours		18

Please note: While some courses can fulfill both core and program requirements, the credits earned do not count twice towards the minimum total required credits for the degree.

A minimum average GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required.

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