

Philosophy, **Minor**

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If you have a curious mind, add a philosophy minor to your degree program. Reading comprehension, combined with logical reasoning and writing 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](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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The 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 \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 325: Philosophy of Social Science \(HU or SB\)](#) (3)

[PHI 330: Theory of Knowledge \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

Ethics and Political Philosophy

[PHI 105: Intro to Ethics \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 107: Introduction to Philosophy of Sex and Love \(HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 120: Introduction to Medical and Bioethics \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 306: Applied Ethics \(CIVI OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 307: Philosophy of Law \(AMIT OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 310: Environmental Ethics \(SUST OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 320: Bioethics \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 324: Existential Ethics \(HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 326: Philosophy of Happiness \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 335: History of Ethics \(GCSI OR HU\)](#) (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 \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 370: Sports Ethics \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 405: Moral Psychology](#) (3)

[PHI 406: Moral Dilemmas \(L or HU\)](#) (3)

[PHI 408: Feminist Ethics \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

PHI 409: Eco-Community Ethics (HU) (3)

History of Philosophy

PHI 304: Existentialism (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 328: History of Ancient Philosophy (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)

PHI 329: History of Modern Philosophy (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)

PHI 401: Rationalism (3)

PHI 402: Empiricism (3)

PHI 403: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy (HU) (3)

Logic

PHI 103: Principles of Sound Reasoning (QTRS OR L or HU) (3)

PHI 333: Symbolic Logic (3)

PHI 413: Advanced Symbolic Logic (3)

Metaphysics

PHI 318: Philosophy of Religion (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 331: Philosophy of Language (HU) (3)

PHI 332: Metaphysics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 334: Philosophy of Mind (HUAD OR HU) (3)

Other

PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 311: Philosophy and Literature (HU) (3)

PHI 319: Philosophy, Computing and Artificial Intelligence (QTRS OR CS) (3)

PHI 322: History and Philosophy of Sustainability (3)

PHI 339: Philosophy of Art (HU) (3)

PHI 371: Philosophy of Sport (HU) (3)

PHI 390: Jewish Philosophy (3)

PHI 391: Historical Perspectives on Philosophy and Religion (3)

PHI 394: Game Theory Market & Justice: Intro Phil Politics, Econ (3)

PHI 394: The Olympics and Philosophy (3)

PHI 417: Philosophy of Censorship (L or HU) (3)

PHI 452: Philosophy of Biology and Medicine (3)

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); BA in philosophy (science, nature and mind)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. 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 or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

Minor programs allow students to develop additional competencies that complement the marketable knowledge and skills they acquire in their majors. A minor in philosophy is of benefit in a wide range of careers in fields that value analytical and reasoning skills and strong communication and writing skills. Students often pursue careers in fields such as business, law, politics, medicine and education.

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