

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy
Philosophy Minor (PHILOS-MN)

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Anyone considering a minor is strongly advised to pay a visit to the Department of Philosophy website, which has important information and advice about planning a minor program that will not be found elsewhere. What follows are the Department's specific requirements and the Arts and Sciences guidelines.

Some students will want a minor in philosophy to complement their major; others will want to pursue some topic in philosophy unrelated to their major. In either case, the Director of Undergraduate Studies can help design a minor program that is sensitive to the individual student's goals.

The Philosophy minor requires 12 credit hours distributed as follows:

Elective courses (4 courses*, 12 CH)

- At least 12 semester credit hours in philosophy courses all at or above the 2000-level.
- Of these 12 credit hours, at least 6 must be at or above the 3000-level and 3 (of those) must be at or above the 3300-level.

* Most students will fulfill the minor requirements by taking four 3-credit hour courses. However, there are some instances where a student may take a 1 or 2-credit hour course that counts toward the minor. If this occurs, that student may need to take more than four courses to reach the 12 CH minimum.

Philosophy minor program guidelines:

Credit hours required: A minimum of 12 CH. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and addition minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required:

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits – No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Department of Philosophy to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the Degree Audit Report. No approval from the Department of Philosophy is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

Students must obtain the approval of the Department of Philosophy to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Philosophy minor. Please email Dr. Lisa Shabel.1, Director of Undergraduate Studies, to request approval.

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