The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Philosophy Minor (PHILOS-MN)

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Anyone considering a minor is strongly advised to pay a visit to the Department of Philosophy, 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 will help design a minor program that is sensitive to the individual student’s goals.

Specific requirements for a minor in philosophy

- 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.
- No more than 3 credit hours of 5193 course work may be applied to the minor.
- A minimum of 6 credit hours of a student’s minor program must be completed at Ohio State.
- Philosophy 2367 does not count toward the minor program (but may be used for GE purposes).

Philosophy minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation  No

Credit hours required  A minimum of 12

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 additional 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 listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits  No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor Approval  Students are welcome to consult with a Dept. of Philosophy advisor for help constructing a minor program, but this is not required; the minor may be approved by the student’s College/School Advising Office via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Dept. of Philosophy advisor.

Filing the minor program form  A minor program form is not required. The DAR certifies the minor. The minor must be declared at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the student’s College/School Advising Office.

Changing the minor  Once the minor is certified as a part of applying for graduation, any changes must be approved by an advisor in the Dept. of Philosophy.