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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.

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 GEL Writing and Communication: Level 2 and/or Diversity: Social Diversity in the US - OR- GEN Foundation: Writing and Information Literacy).

Philosophy minor program guidelines

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 GPA for all minor course work.
- 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 Department 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 Department 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 Department of Philosophy.