

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.

