

PHILOSOPHY - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy
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About This Program

Deepen your understanding of the world with Kent State's Philosophy minor. Explore fundamental questions about existence, knowledge, ethics and more, and gain critical thinking skills that are highly valued in any field. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
PHIL 11001	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
or PHIL 21001	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (DIVG) (KHUM)	
PHIL 11009	CRITICAL THINKING (KADL)	3
or PHIL 21002	INTRODUCTION TO FORMAL LOGIC (KMCR)	
PHIL 31011	ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY	3
or PHIL 31012	EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY	
or PHIL 31013	LATE MODERN PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 31091	PHILOSOPHERS IN DEPTH (WIC)	3
Philosophy (PHIL) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level) ^{1,2}		3
Philosophical Pluralism Elective, choose from the following: ¹		3
PHIL 31002	MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY (WIC)	
PHIL 31040	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY (DIVD)	
PHIL 31070	AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES (DIVD)	
PHIL 31075	PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE (DIVG)	
PHIL 41091	SEMINAR IN WORLD PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 41491	SEMINAR IN ASIAN PHILOSOPHY (DIVG)	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: **18**

- ¹ Minimum one elective must be at the 40000 level.
² PHIL 40093, PHIL 49996 and PHIL 49999 may not be counted toward the minor.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Read, write and think critically and analytically.
2. Consider and analyze differing viewpoints and various sides of an issue.
3. Construct strong arguments and express them verbally and in writing.
4. Think creatively and see alternative solutions to problems.
5. Communicate effectively in both personal and professional settings.
6. Demonstrate meaningful cultural literacy.
7. Continue on a path of lifelong learning and inquiry, whether in graduate school or independently.
8. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the history of philosophy and of important contemporary questions, as well as a deeper, more specialized understanding of selected philosophical figures, issues and/or areas of inquiry.

Full Description

The Philosophy minor helps students develop skills such as critical thinking, careful reading and analysis of texts, argumentative and analytical writing, creative problem-solving, effective communication and global literacy – all of which are vital to success in a wide range of professions.

The minor provides excellent preparation for graduate school entrance exams (such as the GRE, LSAT and GMAT) and enhances the career preparation students obtain in their major field.

Philosophy minors develop these important skills while being introduced to a fascinating discipline which considers basic, timeless questions such as

- "What is the nature of reality?"
- "What (if anything) can I know with certainty?"
- "What kind of life should I live?"