

PHILOSOPHY MINOR

In every major area of study there are questions about values or methodology that philosophy can explore. So, philosophy can deepen your understanding of your major field of study. In addition, philosophy trains a person to think rigorously about fundamental questions—to express ideas clearly and logically—to understand and evaluate conflicting points of view—to reason in a careful way. These intellectual skills are useful in almost any career. And of course, like every minor, philosophy is an area of knowledge that has its own intrinsic value.

For further information, please contact the Philosophy Undergraduate Program Director (<https://www.luc.edu/philosophy/departmentsadministration/>).

Related Programs

Major

- Philosophy (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/>)

Minor

- Ethics and Moral Philosophy Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/philosophy/ethics-moral-philosophy-minor/>)

Combined

- Philosophy (BA/MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/philosophy-five-year-ba-ma-philosophy/>)
- Philosophy/International Affairs (BA/MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/philosophy-international-affairs-bama/>)

Curriculum

All minors must take at least six courses in philosophy, at least two of these being 300-level courses.

Each student's minor program must include:

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Requirements		
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 283	Business Ethics	
PHIL 284	Health Care Ethics	
PHIL 285	Contemporary Ethical Issues	
PHIL 286	Ethics and Education	
PHIL 287	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 288	Culture and Civilization	
PHIL 289	Philosophy and Gender	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the epistemology group:		3
PHIL 130	Philosophy & Persons	
PHIL 271	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 272	Metaphysics	
PHIL 273	Philosophy of Science	

PHIL 274	Logic	
PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 276	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 277	Aesthetics	
PHIL 279	Judgment and Decision-Making	
Two PHIL Elective Courses at any level (100-, 200-, or 300-level)		6
Two PHIL 300-level Elective Courses		6
Total Hours		18

You can design a program to fit your own needs. If you plan a law career, for example, you would likely want to emphasize areas like reasoning, evidence and political theory. Academic counselors can help you design a program. What follows are some suggested sequences for students preparing for careers in law, business, medicine, or religion. Of course, the general requirements stated above must be incorporated in these suggested sequences.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Law

Code	Title	Hours
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the metaphysics/epistemology group:		3
PHIL 274	Logic	
Select two PHIL Elective Courses at any level, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	
or PHIL 330 Theory of Knowledge		
Select two PHIL 300-level Elective Courses, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 323	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 326	Political Philosophy	
or PHIL 327 Topics in Political Philosophy		
PHIL 375	Philosophy of Marxism	
Total Hours		18

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Business

Code	Title	Hours
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the metaphysics/epistemology group:		3
PHIL 274	Logic	
Select two PHIL Elective Courses at any level, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 275	Theory of Knowledge	
or PHIL 330 Theory of Knowledge		

PHIL 285	Contemporary Ethical Issues	
Select two PHIL 300-level Elective Courses, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 321	Ethics and Society	
PHIL 326	Political Philosophy	
	or PHIL 327 Topics in Political Philosophy	
PHIL 323	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 375	Philosophy of Marxism	
Total Hours		18

- Explain and apply ethical frameworks.
- Evaluate or construct arguments.

Suggested Minor Sequence in Pre-Health

Code	Title	Hours
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the metaphysics/epistemology group:		3
PHIL 273	Philosophy of Science	
	or PHIL 381 Philosophy of Science	
Select two PHIL Elective Courses at any level, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 182	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 284	Health Care Ethics	
Select two PHIL 300-level Elective Courses, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 321	Ethics and Society	
PHIL 369	Philosophy of Medicine	
Total Hours		18

Suggested Minor Sequence in Religion

Code	Title	Hours
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the ethics group:		3
PHIL 181	Ethics	
Select one lower-level philosophy course from the metaphysics/epistemology group:		3
PHIL 271	Philosophy of Religion	
Select two PHIL Elective Courses at any level, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 305	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 340	Philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas	
Select two PHIL 300-level Elective Courses, with the following being recommendations:		6
PHIL 310	Issues in Philosophy of Human Nature	
PHIL 312	Problems in the Philosophy of God	
PHIL 380	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	
Total Hours		18

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Minor in Philosophy students will be able to:

- Analyze major texts in the history of philosophy.
- Articulate major philosophical problems and their solutions, such as questions concerning truth and knowledge, reality, moral values, and justice.
- Distinguish and explain different philosophical methodologies or approaches.