

# PHILOSOPHY AND LAW MINOR

**Banner Code:** PHLW

## Academic Advising

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Website: [philosophy.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-phil-phlw](http://philosophy.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-phil-phlw)

This minor offers students a course of study that emphasizes the philosophical analysis of legal issues. It acquaints students with the rich tradition of philosophical argument dealing with the justification of law, its relation to moral theory, the justifications for punishment, and the concepts of justice, rights, liberty, and legal responsibility. In addition, an education in philosophy stresses intellectual skills that are important in the study of law.

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| PHIL 353                              | Theories of Justice   |   |
| GOVT 428                              | Advanced Democratic Theory  |   |
| Select one course from the following: |   | 3 |
| PHIL 343                              | Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> ) |   |
| PHIL 344                              | Ethical Issues in Global Health   |   |
| PHIL 355                              | Theories of Ethics  |   |
| GOVT 448                              | Ethics and International Politics   |   |
| Total Credits                         |   | 9 |

<sup>1</sup>

One elective course may be chosen from other coursework in philosophy with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

#### Core Courses

| Code                                  | Title                                  | Credits |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------|
| PHIL 173                              | Logic and Critical Thinking            | 3       |
| PHIL 311                              | Philosophy of Law                      | 3       |
| Select one course from the following: |  | 3       |
| PHIL 301                              | History of Western Philosophy: Ancient |         |
| PHIL 303                              | History of Western Philosophy: Modern  |         |
| Total Credits                         |  | 9       |

#### Electives

| Code  | Title                                    | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| Select two courses from the following: <sup>1</sup> |  | 6       |
| PHIL 323<br>or GOVT 323                             | Classical Western Political Theory       |         |
| PHIL 324<br>or GOVT 324                             | Modern Western Political Theory          |         |
| PHIL 325  | Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought |         |
| PHIL 327<br>or GOVT 327                             | Contemporary Western Political Theory    |         |
| PHIL 329  | Philosophy after Auschwitz               |         |