

# PHILOSOPHY MINOR

**Banner Code:** PHIL

## Academic Advising

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

The philosophy minor allows students majoring in other disciplines to expand their analytical and critical thinking skills while engaging with pressing ethical, social, and political issues. Students will gain a grounding in the history of philosophy and with the help of an advisor, will select a range of electives that complement their major, future career plans and/or personal interests. Courses available span ancient, modern and contemporary philosophy, and focus on questions of knowledge, reality and existence; ethics, including bioethics, environmental ethics and existentialist ethics; social and political philosophy; and philosophy of art, literature and science, among other areas.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. No course may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 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 Course in History of Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course in the history of philosophy from the following:		3
PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	
Total Credits		3

#### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select five electives in philosophy. At least 9 of the elective credits must be at the 300 level or above. ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/</a> )		15
Total Credits		15