

# Requirements for the Philosophy MINOR

Welcome to the Philosophy Department! The following is a brief overview of the requirements for the Philosophy Minor. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people for advising:

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The Minor in Philosophy requires a minimum of **18 units** of philosophy coursework that meets the following five requirements:

## 1. Area Requirement

Students are to take courses from the four Areas listed below, in the quantities indicated:

| Areas                           | Minimum # |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| I Ethics and Value Theory       | 1 course  |
| II Metaphysics and Epistemology | 1 course  |
| III History of Philosophy       | 1 course  |
| IV Logic and Formal Methods     | 1 course  |

Students elect the particular courses (from each of the above Areas) that they wish to take. Before taking any 5000-level course, however, it is strongly recommended that students take at least one 3000- or 4000-level course from that same Area. Depending on the student's post-graduation plans, specific courses may be highly recommended. Please see an advisor for specific recommendations.

## 2. Advanced Course Requirement

At least one course of the total 18 units must come from the 5000-level (or higher). These advanced courses do

simultaneously satisfy an Area Requirement, as indicated in the above table. Before taking any 5000-level class, you should **first** have taken at least one 3000-level class in that Area.

## 3. Elective Requirement

Additional courses may be needed to bring your total to 18 units. Every course the philosophy department offers counts towards the Elective Requirement.

*Note that two kinds of courses count only towards this requirement, not meeting any other requirement. First, all lower division courses count as electives (i.e., 1000 level and 2000 level courses). Second, the four specifically religion-oriented courses we offer: Phil 3610 (Religions of India), Phil 3620 (Religions of China and Japan), Phil 3630 (Buddhist Thought), and Phil 3640 (World Religions). Since these courses are not primarily philosophical in content, they do not count towards any of our specific philosophy requirements, but they do count for the Elective Requirement. The historical explanation of why the philosophy department offers these courses is that U of Utah does not have a Religion Department, the natural home for such courses. Note that Phil 3600 (Philosophy of Religion) is a philosophy course, and it meets the Area II requirement.*

## 4. Grade Requirement

The Grade Requirement has three parts. First, only coursework taken for a letter grade will contribute to the above requirements; CR/NC course work will not count. Second, no individual course receiving a grade lower than C- will count for any of the above requirements. Third, the overall grade point average (GPA) for courses meeting the above requirements must be at least 2.00.

## 5. Residence Requirement

Various of the above requirements may, in special cases, and with approval, be satisfied with transfer credit. Requirement 2 is an exception: in all cases, the Advanced Course Requirement must be satisfied by course work completed at the University of Utah.

**Area I - Ethics and Value theory – 1 course needed**

- 3011: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3080: Philosophy of Feminism (DV)
- 3390: Technology & Design Ethics
- 3500: Ethics
- 3510: Business Ethics
- 3520: Bioethics
- 3530: Environmental Ethics
- 3570: Research Ethics
- 3700: Political Philosophy
- 3710: Philosophy of Law
- 3730: Justice & International Affairs (IR)
- 3750: Philosophy in Literature
- 3790: Film & Philosophy
- 3800: Philosophy of Art
- 3820: Meaning of Life
- 4540: Engineering, Ethics, & Society
- 5130: History of Ethical Theory
- 5191: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5500: Contemporary Ethical Theory
- 5510: Applied Ethics
- 5520: Advanced Bioethics
- 5530: Environmental Philosophy
- 5700: Advanced Political Philosophy
- 5800: Topics in Philosophy of Art

**Area II - Metaphysics and Epistemology – 1 course needed**

- 3012: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3300: Theory of Knowledge
- 3310: Science & Society
- 3350: History & Philosophy of Science (CW)
- 3370: Philosophy of Biology
- 3375: Philosophy of Social Science
- 3380: Feminist Philosophy of Science (DV)
- 3400: Mind, Language, & Reality
- 3440: Cognitive Science
- 3600: Philosophy of Religion
- 3870: Philosophy of Race (DV)
- 4380: Philosophy of Physics
- 4400: Metaphysics

- 4450: Philosophy of Mind
- 4480: Philosophy of Language
- 5192: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5300: Epistemology
- 5350: Topics of Philosophy of Science
- 5370: Philosophy of Biology
- 5375: Topics in Philosophy of Social Science
- 5400: Metaphysics
- 5450: Philosophy of Mind
- 5480: Philosophy of Language

**Area III - History of Philosophy – 1 course needed**

- 3013: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3040: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy
- 3060: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy
- 3085: History of African American Philosophy
- 3086: History of Latin American Philosophy
- 3100: Survey of Ancient Greek Philosophy
- 3110: Survey of Medieval Philosophy
- 3120: Survey of Early Modern Philosophy
- 3130: Survey of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- 3810: Existentialism
- 4140: Classical Chinese Philosophy
- 5040: Advanced 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- 5060: Advanced 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental
- 5100: Advanced Ancient Philosophy
- 5110: Advanced Medieval Philosophy
- 5120: Advanced Early Modern Philosophy
- 5145: Topics in Classical Chinese Philosophy
- 5193: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5360: Topics in the History of Science

**Area IV - Logic and Formal Methods – 1 course needed**

- 1250: Reasoning and Rational Decision Making
- 3200: Deductive Logic
- 3210: Inductive Logic
- 5200: Advanced Deductive Logic
- 5210: Advanced Inductive Logic
- 5220: Rational Choice Theory