Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Philosophy

Minor in Philosophy — Asian Aspects, Ethics & Values, Fundamental Aspects, History of Western Philosophy

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Unit Requirements

Total units in the major: 45
Total units required for the degree: 120

Special Grade Requirement

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Lower Division

PHIL 100  (3) Logic

Upper Division

PHIL 302  (3) Environmental Ethics
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PHIL 341  (3) Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle
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PHIL 371  (3) Contemporary Social & Political Philosophy
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Seminars

Complete two seminars selected from offerings of:
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Upper Division Electives

Complete two of the following courses:
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PHIL 304  (3) Philosophy of Sex & Love
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(3 units of PHIL 391 may be used in lieu of one of the electives and must be approved by the Department Chair for credit.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINORS

For the four minors listed below, take the indicated courses and confer with members of the philosophy faculty for assistance in selecting suitable electives.

Special Grade Requirement

Philosophy minors must earn a minimum grade of “C-” in all courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements; and must earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.00 in the minor.

Minor in Philosophy — Asian Aspects

Total units required for the minor: 12

Complete two of the following courses.
PHIL 104  (3) Asian Philosophy
PHIL 345  (3) Philosophies of China
PHIL 346  (3) Philosophies of India

Complete two 3-unit electives in philosophy, one of which must be upper division.

Minor in Philosophy — Ethics & Values

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PHIL 303 (3) Theories of Ethics

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