

PHILOSOPHY MINOR

The principal goal of the study of philosophy is to enable students to think more clearly, deeply, and appreciatively about themselves and their world. Study of philosophy enhances analytical, critical, and interpretive capacities that are applicable to any subject matter in almost any context. It provides many opportunities for expressing oneself, for reflecting on questions that human beings have pondered for millennia, for exchanging reasoned beliefs and engaging in focused debate, and for learning how to come to terms with problems for which there are no easy answers. A good philosophical education also helps to prepare students for responsible and intelligent participation in political and community affairs. A brief video with information about the philosophy minor is available here (<https://philosophy.unc.edu/undergraduate/the-major/why-major-in-philosophy/>).

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
A minor in philosophy requires five philosophy courses. No more than three of the five may be numbered 199 and below. The five courses must include at least one course in three of the following four distribution areas:		15
History of philosophy		
Courses above 100 with a second digit of one or two (e.g., PHIL 110, PHIL 210, PHIL 220)		
Metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language		
Courses above 100 with a second digit of 3 or 4 (e.g., PHIL 134, PHIL 230, PHIL 340)		
Logic and philosophy of science		
Courses above 100 with a second digit of five (e.g., PHIL 150, PHIL 155, PHIL 355)		
Value theory		
Courses above 100 with a second digit of six, seven, or eight (e.g., PHIL 160, PHIL 275, PHIL 381)		
Total Hours		15

Philosophy (PHIL) course descriptions (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/philosophy/#coursestext>).

PHIL 155 is recommended for all students who major or minor in philosophy.

Please note that First Year Seminars (<http://fys.unc.edu/>) (all numbered below 100) and courses with a second digit of nine (PHIL 390, for example) automatically count toward the minor core as electives.

However, with approval of the department's director of undergraduate studies, PHIL 390 may count toward one of the four distribution areas.

Within the framework of the minor, students may elect to take philosophy courses geared toward prelaw. Inquiries about prelaw advising may be sent to the department's director of undergraduate studies. Although we are not in a position to offer law career (including career prep) or LSAT advice, the director of undergraduate studies is available to provide academic advising and discuss prelaw course information. Further details may be found on the Department of Philosophy's website.

See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-major-ba/#opportunitiestext>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Major

- Philosophy Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-major-ba/>)

Minors

- Philosophy Minor (p. 1)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-politics-economics-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Philosophy (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy/>)
- Ph.D. in Philosophy (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy/>)

Courses

- Philosophy (PHIL) (<https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/phil/>)

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