

MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Philosophy

Upon completing the minor in Philosophy, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to read philosophical texts critically and with understanding of the problems and contexts.
2. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate critically philosophical arguments.
3. Demonstrate the ability to communicate clearly and logically their own views on a range of philosophical problems.

Requirements for the Minor in Philosophy

Students pursuing the minor in Philosophy must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the [Policies](#) (p. 1) tab.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor's academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor's [Official Certifier](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Minor in Philosophy		18

Minor Requirements

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Core Requirements

PHIL 281	HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY I	3
or PHIL 283	HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY II	

Areas of Study Requirements

Group 1

Select 1 course from the following: 3

PHIL 318	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
PHIL 320	METAPHYSICS
PHIL 325	PHILOSOPHY OF ART
PHIL 330	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
PHIL 340	PHENOMENOLOGY
PHIL 345	THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE
PHIL 350	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
PHIL 353	PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY
PHIL 354	THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

PHIL 430	ADVANCED TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
PHIL 431	ADVANCED TOPICS IN THE SCIENCES OF THE MIND
PHIL 450	ADVANCED TOPICS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Group 2

Select 1 course from the following: 3

PHIL 360	ETHICS
PHIL 361	METAETHICS
PHIL 362	HISTORY OF ETHICS
PHIL 363	MORAL PSYCHOLOGY
PHIL 370	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 372	HISTORY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 373	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
PHIL 460	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ETHICS
PHIL 470	ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Elective Requirements

Select 3 elective courses from departmental (PHIL) course offerings ¹ 9

Total Credit Hours 18

Footnotes and Additional Information

- ¹ Of the 6 required courses (18 credit hours), a total of 3 courses (9 credit hours) must be taken at the 300-level or above. Please note that not all courses listed above will be offered every academic year.

Policies for the Minor in Philosophy

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Philosophy should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/>), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/>). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) (<https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/>) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Philosophy should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the [new course creation process](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/>). Additionally, as part of an [annual roll call](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the [General Announcements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet graduation requirements (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Philosophy website: <https://philosophy.rice.edu> (<https://philosophy.rice.edu>)

Opportunities for the Minor in Philosophy

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Philosophy website: <https://philosophy.rice.edu> (<https://philosophy.rice.edu>)

See <https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life> (<https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life>) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.