Philosophy Minor Programs

Creighton University Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy sponsors three minor programs of study, which are described below. Students may declare a minor program at the following address: https://people.creighton.edu/~bjk79676/MinorDec/minorDec.php.

Philosophy Minor (18 credits)
Program Description. The study of philosophy involves both understanding how philosophers of the past have approached a variety of philosophical problems and understanding how a single set of related philosophical problems could be approached in a variety of different ways. Students study both the history and the problems of philosophy.
Program Contact. Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

B. A., Minor in Philosophy (18 credits)
ONE of the following philosophical ideas courses:
PHL 107 Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy
PHL 110 Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
PHL 111 Philosophical Ideas: Law
PHL 112 Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
PHL 113 Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
PHL 118 Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom
ONE of the following history of philosophy courses:
PHL 332 World Philosophy
PHL 351 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
PHL 367 American Philosophy
PHL 370 History of Classical Greek Philosophy
PHL 371 History of Hellenistic Philosophy
PHL 372 History of Medieval Philosophy
PHL 373 History of Modern Philosophy
PHL 374 History of 19th-Century Philosophy
ONE of the following problems of philosophy courses:
PHL 321 Epistemology
PHL 331 Moral Philosophy
PHL 334 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
PHL 342 Metaphysics
PHL 358 Social and Political Philosophy
PHL 422 Aesthetics
PHL 424 Philosophy of Mind

3 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, not on the history, problems, ultimate questions, or logic lists, and not cross-listed as SRP or intersections; plus 6 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, no more than 3 hours of which may be cross listed as SRP or intersections.

Applied Ethics Minor (18 credits)
Program Description. An interdisciplinary program of studies designed to provide students with an understanding of applied ethics from two perspectives, philosophy and theology.
Program Contacts. Dr. Julia Fleming, Chair of Theology, and Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

ONE of the following Ethics courses are required:
PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding
PHL 270  Philosophical Ethics
PHL 271  Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
PHL 272  Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
PHL 275  Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

**TWO of the following Theology courses:**
- THL 534  Introduction to Liberation Theology
- THL 563  Contemporary Moral Problems
- THL 564  Catholic Sexual Ethics
- THL 565  Catholic Social Teaching

**TWO of the following moral philosophy courses are required:**
- PHL 331  Moral Philosophy
- PHL 343  Ethics and the Professions
- PHL 348  Philosophy of Feminism
- PHL 354  Environmental Ethics
- PHL 359  History of Ethics
- PHL 368  Moral Psychology
- PHL 453  Ethics and Public Policy
- PHL 455  Health Care, Society, and Values

**ONE additional course from the lists above or from the following is required:**
- JPS 588  Christian Ethics of War and Peace
- SRP 409  Race and Gender Relations
- SRP 457  Biomedical Ethics
- THL 250  Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding
- THL 270  Theological Ethics

**History & Philosophy of Science Minor (18 credits)**

**Program Description.** This interdisciplinary minor introduces students to the key historical events in the emergence of science and to the philosophical debates about what counts as science, theories of scientific method, realism and anti-realism, and the role of values in science.

**Program Contact.** Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

**ONE of the following philosophical ideas courses are required:**
- PHL 107  Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 110  Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
- PHL 111  Philosophical Ideas: Law
- PHL 112  Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
- PHL 113  Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
- PHL 118  Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

**THREE of the following history of science courses are required:**
- BIO 141  Charles Darwin: Life and Impact
- ECO 508  Development of Political Economy
- HIS 335  The Scientific Revolution
- HIS 431  Mathematical History, Philosophy and Ethics
- PHY 147  Einstein and Modern Physics
- PSY 424  History and Systems of Psychology
- SOC 301  Social and Cultural Theory

**TWO of the following philosophy of science courses are required:**
- PHL 333  Philosophy of the Human Sciences
- PHL 334  Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 420  Science and Religion