

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 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 340 Philosophy of Language

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

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- 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