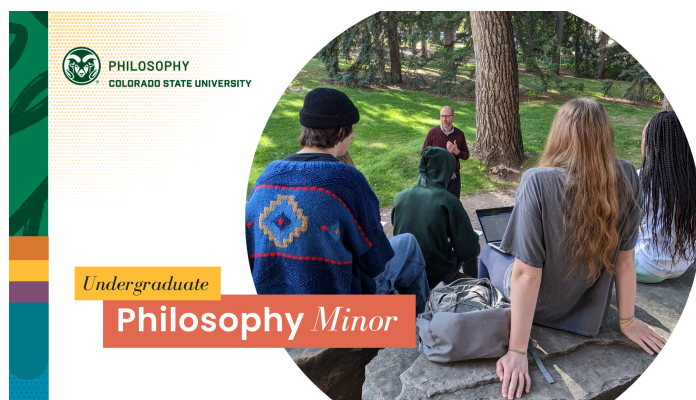


MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY



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The skills of philosophy are essential to every field and career path. Adding a philosophy minor encourages students to think deeply and clearly, ask questions, solve problems, and collaboratively dialogue about the very foundations of their field. A philosophy minor complements and pairs easily with any other major and is designed to provide maximal flexibility to students majoring in other areas. We can't wait to explore the fundamental questions that interest you most as you minor in Philosophy!

Philosophy Skills

- Critical thinking and analysis
- Problem solving
- Exploring different perspectives
- Connection making
- Insightful and thoughtful dialogue
- Attention to ethical concerns
- Developing logical arguments
- Conceptual clarity
- Close and careful reading and reasoning

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, students will have skills in the following areas:

1. **Critical & Creative Problem-Solving:** Students will apply critical and creative thinking to analyze and evaluate arguments and generate innovative approaches to complex questions. By identifying assumptions, navigating ambiguities, considering alternative viewpoints, and addressing counterarguments, they will develop flexible problem-solving skills applicable to multiple contexts.
2. **Philosophical Inquiry:** Students will gain broad understanding of philosophy by engaging with questions about truth, reality, knowledge, justice, and the good life. Through the study of major questions, debates, and figures in various philosophical traditions, students will explore the complex histories and cultural contexts

from which these ideas emerge and how they connect to their own heritage as well as broader human concerns and experiences.

3. **Reading, Research, and Analysis:** Students will develop the interpretive and analytical skills needed to read and understand complex texts. They will critically evaluate the quality, relevance, and credibility of diverse sources and integrate them thoughtfully in their own research and writing. In doing so, they will generate and defend original ideas, advancing knowledge and contributing to broader conversations about humanity's shared challenges.
4. **Communication & Dialogue:** Students will communicate effectively in writing and speech, expressing ideas and arguments with clarity, coherence, and originality. They will engage in constructive, respectful dialogue that demonstrates openness to various perspectives, collaborative problem-solving, and reciprocal learning—building shared understanding and collective wisdom, allowing them to more effectively engage in civic life.
5. **Ethical Reasoning and Civic Responsibility:** Students will develop ethical reasoning skills by exploring frameworks for understanding values, meaning, and responsibility. They will apply these skills to pressing social issues, such as sustainability, social well-being, and civic engagement. By reflecting on their own assumptions and considering alternative perspectives, students cultivate ethical awareness, deepen their understanding of both their own and others' values and heritages, and prepare to contribute thoughtfully and responsibly to resilient communities and democratic processes.

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Students must satisfactorily complete the total credits required for the minor. Minors and interdisciplinary minors require 12 or more upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits.

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Students are required to receive at least a C (2.000) in each Philosophy course required for the Minor in Philosophy.

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL*** ¹		12
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 206	Knowledge and Existence-An Introduction	
PHIL 210	Introduction to Formal Logic	
PHIL 315	Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 325	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 326	Philosophy of Biology	
PHIL 327	Philosophy of Behavioral Sciences	
PHIL 348	Philosophy of Literature and the Arts	
PHIL 355	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 375	Science and Religion	
PHIL 410	Formal Logic	
PHIL 411	Logic in Philosophy and Beyond	
PHIL 425	Epistemology	
PHIL 435	Metaphysics	
PHIL 438	Philosophy of Mind	
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 300	Ancient Greek Philosophy	

PHIL 301	17th and 18th Century European Philosophy	
PHIL 302	19th Century Philosophy	
PHIL 303	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 333	Latin American Philosophy	
PHIL 335	Islam-Cosmology and Practice	
PHIL 349	Philosophies of East Asia	
PHIL 356	Islamic Philosophy	
PHIL 360	Topics in Asian Philosophy	
PHIL 379	Mysticism East and West	
PHIL 407	Phenomenology and Existentialism	
PHIL 409	20th Century Philosophy	
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 201/CS 201	Ethical Computing Systems (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 205	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 230	Epistemology and Values in Sustainability	
PHIL 240	Philosophies of Peace and Nonviolence	
PHIL 245	Environmental Philosophies (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 264	Animal Ethics	
PHIL 312	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 318	Aesthetics-Visual Arts	
PHIL 320	Ethics of Sustainability	
PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 345	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 350	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 353	Feminist Philosophies	
PHIL 363	Social Metaphysics	
PHIL 447	Ethical Theory	
Program Total Credits:		21

¹ No more than six credits at the 100-level may count towards the minor.