MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Since it deals mainly with issues that have no simple solutions, philosophy emphasizes the exchange of ideas and debate, and thus cultivates an appetite for deep and serious reflection. By reading and discussing the works of the world’s great thinkers on fundamental topics like truth, justice, morality and existence, you sharpen your own ability to think clearly, critically and independently. The Department's curriculum has a twin approach, historical and analytical, and covers political and social philosophy, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and logic.

The Department of Philosophy also runs a minor in applied ethics.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-studies/) for information on including a minor to your degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2017-2018 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

3 course units from:  
3 Units
PHI 1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking
PHI 1301 Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments

3 course units from:  
3 Units
PHI 1102 Moral Reasoning
PHI 1103 Fundamental Philosophical Questions
PHI 1104 Great Philosophers
PHI 1302 Philosophy: Themes and Texts

6 course units from:  
6 Units
PHI 2170 Logic I
PHI 2174 Ethics
PHI 2183 Political Philosophy
PHI 2380 Greek Philosophy or the Birth of Philosophy
PHI 2382 Philosophy in the Middle Ages
PHI 2383 Modern Philosophy
PHI 3170 Topics in Theory of Knowledge
PHI 3174 Topics in Metaphysics
PHI 3377 Continental Philosophy
PHI 3397 Origins of Analytic Philosophy
PHI 3398 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy

18 optional course units in philosophy (PHI)  
18 Units

Total:  
30 Units

Note(s)

1 At least 6 course units in philosophy (PHI) must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.