



Minor in Philosophy Focusing on Legal Studies



Philosophical studies provide an extraordinary preparation for law school.

- Did you know that, on average, OSU philosophy majors score significantly higher on the LSAT test than those pursuing other majors at OSU?
- Did you know that OSU philosophy majors are more successful in gaining admission to a top-20 law school than those pursuing other majors at OSU?

But you don't have to major in philosophy to benefit from philosophical studies on your way to law school. The skills of interpretation, critical analysis, argumentation, and criticism that are honed in philosophy courses are invaluable for those pursuing a law degree. Several philosophy courses develop an understanding of issues in legal scholarship and in political philosophy that afford students an advantage when they address these or related issues in their studies in law school. And students are extremely well advised to take Philosophy 2500 (Symbolic Logic) prior to taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT); the techniques of elementary symbolic logic are extraordinarily valuable on the analytical and logical reasoning portions of the LSAT.

Here are some examples of ways to put together a set of courses that will satisfy your interest in the law and related issues, help to prepare you for your studies in law school and satisfy the requirements for a minor in Philosophy.

There are many other combinations of courses possible and a minor can be tailored to your specific interests.

EXAMPLE 1:

Philosophy 2400 (Political and Social Philosophy)
Philosophy 2500 (Symbolic Logic)
Philosophy 3410 (Philosophical Issues in Law)
Philosophy 3300 (Moral Philosophy)

EXAMPLE 2:

Philosophy 2500 (Symbolic Logic)
Philosophy 3410 (Philosophical Issues in Law)
Philosophy 3300 (Moral Philosophy)
Philosophy 5410 (Advanced Philosophy of Law)

EXAMPLE 3:

Philosophy 2500 (Symbolic Logic)
Philosophy 3410 (Philosophical Issues in Law)
Philosophy 3810 (Philosophy of Action)
Philosophy 5410 (Advanced Philosophy of Law)

EXAMPLE 4:

Philosophy 2500 (Symbolic Logic)
Philosophy 3410 (Philosophical Issues in Law)
Philosophy 5300 (Advanced Moral Philosophy)
Philosophy 5410 (Advanced Philosophy of Law)