

Minor in Philosophy Focusing in Ethics and Moral Psychology

Questions about what goals are worth pursuing and what we owe to one another—that is, about ethics and morality—are among the central questions about how to live. In Philosophy, we explore different ways of answering these sorts of questions, while also asking about the psychological processes and mental states underlying moral thought and behavior. What is the nature of moral judgments? Are moral judgments subject to rational support and refutation? What accounts for moral disagreement—is it like disagreement over matters of science, or of religion? Or is it disagreement in attitude? What accounts for the moral intuitions that people share? Is this a product of enculturation? Or some sort of innate moral conscience that is part of human nature? Or is morality a matter of general learning, whereby people in different places discover the same moral truths?

The requirements for a minor are simple: at least 12 credit hours (i.e., four courses) in philosophy courses numbered 2000 or above. At least 3 of those hours must be in philosophy courses numbered 3000 or above, and at least 3 of those hours must be in philosophy courses numbered 3300 or above. Philosophy 2367 does not count towards your minor Program, although it may be used for GE purposes.

If you are particularly interested in ethics and moral psychology, you could choose some of your minor courses from these options:

2342	Environmental Ethics
2458	Animals and Philosophy
3300	Moral Philosophy
3310	Morality and the Mind
3341H	Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, & Practice
3351	Judaism and Ethics
3810	Philosophy of Action
5300	Advanced Moral Philosophy
5310	Metaethics