



Minor in Philosophy
focusing on the history of western philosophical thought

Many contemporary philosophical problems and debates originate in the questions asked by thinkers of another era who were engaged with the pressing moral, mathematical and scientific issues of their time. When you study the history of philosophy, you go to the source and commune with Plato, Aristotle, Ibn Sina, Descartes, Princess Elizabeth, Hume, du Châtelet, Kant, Sartre and many other figures from the ancient, medieval, and modern periods. As you study the history of philosophy, you will consider questions about the nature of reality, the power of scientific reasoning, the justification for our beliefs, the existence of God, and the human struggle to live a moral and meaningful life.

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 the history of philosophy, you could choose some of your minor courses from these options:

2660 Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution
3210 History of Ancient Philosophy
3220 History of Medieval Philosophy
3230 History of 17th Century Philosophy
3240 History of 18th Century Philosophy

3250 History of 19th Century Philosophy
3261 Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism
5211 Plato
5212 Aristotle
5241 Kant