MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY
FOCUSBING ON PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Are you interested in science? Many foundational questions about how science works are addressed in philosophy. Such questions include: Do the entities posited by our best scientific theories really exist? Must they, in order for those theories to be good theories? What constitutes an explanation in science? How are the various sciences—say physics and chemistry or biology—related to each other? Are there genuine revolutions in science? What values do and should guide scientific inquiry? Where does physics end and metaphysics begin?

Many specific sciences also present particular conceptual issues that need to and can be addressed in courses on philosophy of biology, philosophy of cognitive science, and philosophy of physics.

A philosophy minor can broaden and deepen your own scientific study. The requirements are simple: at least 20 credit hours (i.e., four courses) in philosophy courses numbered 200 or above. At least 10 of those hours must be in philosophy courses numbered 300 or above, and at least 5 of those hours must be in philosophy courses numbered 400 or above.

Relevant courses include:

- Philosophy 250: Symbolic Logic
- Philosophy 280: Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution
- Philosophy 455: Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy 458: Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology
- Philosophy 612: Philosophy of Cognitive Science
- Philosophy 655: Advanced Philosophy of Science

*There are many combinations of courses possible, including courses not on this list, and a minor can be tailored to your specific interests.* For more information, contact the Department (292-7914 or philosophy@osu.edu) or visit our web page on minors (http://philosophy.osu.edu/studentInfo/undergrad/minor.cfm).