

# Minoring in Philosophy



The minor in philosophy requires students to be well-grounded in the history of philosophy, especially ancient and early modern, covering the major texts of ethical and political theory as well as the major texts of epistemology and metaphysics. The emphasis on argument and logical structure in philosophy requires students to be familiar with contemporary logic, at least up to the level of the first-order predicate calculus. Beyond this foundational requirement, students take four courses tailored to their individual interests and, typically, to complement work being done in their major. To provide the greatest latitude for this, only three of the four remaining courses need be at the 300 level.

Minor course requirements (8 units)

(A) Four core requirements:

**Logic: 150 Elementary Logic I,**

**History of Philosophy: 210-1 (Ancient Philosophy),**

**History of Philosophy: 210-3 (Early Modern Philosophy),**

**Classics of Ethical or Political Theory: at least one course from the area: 260 or 261.**

(B) Four philosophy electives: At least 3 must be at the 300 or 400 level. A student who is admitted to and completes 1 or more 400-level courses may apply such courses toward this requirement. Electives may not include Phil 101-7 and -8, 373, 398, and they may include at most 1 (one) PHIL 399. No credits from any courses taught at NU or outside university departments other than the NU philosophy department may be counted as an elective for the minor (unless the student successfully has petitioned getting a numbered NU-PHIL credit for such a course with the DUS; in this case, no more than one such credit may be used).