

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Proposal Title: Revision to the Undergraduate Minor in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sponsoring unit(s): Professor Kirk Sanders, Head, Department of Philosophy, 300-3887, ksanders@illinois.edu.

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Brief description:

Our goal is to provide our minors with a rigorous training in courses that will both provide a common core of philosophical knowledge and allow them to explore in more detail one or more areas of particular interest within the discipline. The proposed changes here provide an additional core course as a foundation for the minor. In sum, 3 hours of the 12 additional hours in the minor will be reallocated to a requirement of PHIL 103: Logic and Reasoning or 202: Symbolic Logic. The rest of the minor, including total hours, remains unchanged.

Justification:

The revised requirements identify what the department regards as an appropriate core, i.e., common knowledge in philosophy for students pursuing the minor. Accordingly, the added course requirement is in logic, an area critical to the discipline. However, the total number of hours required will not change, as this logic requirement replaces 3 of the 6 hours currently allowed as electives.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed

None

- b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

None

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments

No significant enrollment shifts are anticipated. This revision will not affect other departments.

- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

None

Requirements:

The revised Philosophy minor will require 20 hours, the same total hours as it currently requires. Students must take three foundational courses—PHIL 103 or 202 (3 hours), PHIL 203 (4 hours), and PHIL 206 (4 hours, for a total of 11 hours. Students must also take two advanced level courses (6 hours) in Philosophy at the 300- or 400-level, and one additional course (3 hours) in philosophy at any level (100- to 400-level).

Prerequisites for the minor: None.

Expected enrollment in the minor:

20 students

Admission to the minor:

Petition requiring the signature/approval of the Minor advisor

Minor advisor:

Prof. Noël Saenz, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Certification of successful completion:

The college of the student will confirm whether the minor has been completed, based on the course work designated by the Philosophy Department. If a Minor Modification Form is needed, LAS will review the course substitutions, in consultation with the Philosophy Department if needed, and approve completion of the minor with the college of the student.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2019

CLEARANCES:



Head/Chair of the sponsoring department or unit:



Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

Statement for the Academic Catalog:

Minor in Philosophy

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PHIL 203: Ancient Philosophy	4
PHIL 206: Early Modern Philosophy	4
Two advanced level courses in philosophy at the 300- or 400-level	6
PHIL 103: Logic and Reasoning or PHIL 202: Symbolic Logic	3
One additional course in philosophy at any level (100- to 400-)	3
TOTAL	20

Appendix A: Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

Current Requirement	Hours	Proposed Requirements	Hours
PHIL 203: Ancient Philosophy	4	PHIL 203: Ancient Philosophy	4
PHIL 206: Early Modern Philosophy	4	PHIL 206: Early Modern Philosophy	4
Four other philosophy courses, including at least 6 hours at the 300- or 400-level	12	Two advanced level courses in philosophy at the 300- or 400-level	6
		PHIL 103: Logic and Reasoning or PHIL 202: Symbolic Logic	3
		One additional course in philosophy at any level (100- to 400-)	3
TOTAL	20	TOTAL	20

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October 26, 2018

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
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Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the undergraduate minor in Philosophy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Sanders
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October 26, 2018

Kathryn Martensen
Associate Provost
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Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Revision to the Undergraduate Minor in Philosophy

This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Ritter'.

Kelly Ritter
Associate Dean

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C: Professor Kirk Sanders