

# Philosophy Minor



## Question

How will I know if a minor in philosophy is for me?

## Answer

The philosopher asks, reflectively and systematically, such questions as: What can I know? What is most real? What values and what standards of conduct are most justifiable? What is the ultimate meaning of life?

In philosophy courses, you will look at the fascinating boundaries and borderlines that exist between philosophy and each of the liberal arts and sciences. You will also focus a philosophical light on every day issues and concerns in popular culture such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, gay marriage, humanitarian aid, evolution versus intelligent design, and the rights and obligations of youth versus those of their parents.



## Question

What are some course requirements?

## Answer

Courses in this minor will give you a broad perusal of philosophy and a more focused approach related to mathematics, social sciences, natural sciences or the humanities. For this minor, students are required to take five courses:

- General Philosophy
- Topics in Philosophy
- Christian Social Ethics
- Modern Critical Theory
- Persuasion and Argumentation

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## Question

What kind of practical experience will I get as a student?

## Answer

As part of the courses, you will read real philosophy (e.g., Plato's Republic, Descartes' Meditations, Searle's Mind, Language, and Society) that will put you in touch with the excitement and intrigue of the discipline that no – or at least the few and far between – secondary text can possibly do. You will find that you are capable of reading and understanding material that is difficult, complex and profound. But more than this, you will realize that the gains from the effort of reading such material make it all worthwhile.

Courses in which everyday life, culturally-based issues are addressed will give you a much deeper and more sophisticated understanding than you had previously: that there are no simple solutions; that well-intentioned and good people can hold positions on either side of the dispute that have some rational and moral justification.

## Question

What can I expect after graduation?

## Answer

Graduates have gone on to pursue graduate degrees in English, Educational Psychology, Law and Social Psychology. Others have worked in institutional research, publishing or become a neurosciences lab technician.



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