

November 20, 2024

Assistant Dean, Curriculum  
College of Arts and Sciences  
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Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Bernadette,

I write to inform you that the Department of Philosophy has recently voted to amend several of the requirements for our Minor and Major. We would like to make the following changes:

- Philosophy 2367 will now count toward both the Minor and the Major
- Philosophy 3260 will now count toward the history of philosophy requirement for the Major
- Philosophy 3420 and 3440 will now count toward the topics in philosophy requirement for the Major

The current major program requirements for the BA in Philosophy are:

1. Philosophy 1500, 1501, or 2500 (prerequisite)
2. Philosophy 3000
3. Two of: Philosophy 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240, 3250, 3261
4. Two of: Philosophy 3300, 3530, 3600, 3650, 3700, 3750, 3800, 3810
5. Five Philosophy electives
  - a. One at 2000 level or higher
  - b. Two at 3000 level or higher
  - c. Two at 5000 level or higher

All courses are 3 credits. Total credits = 33 (including prerequisite)

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The addition of “Contemporary Social and Moral Problems” (Philos 2367) to both the Minor and the Major reflects our desire to update our program to be in accord with other Departments. (It is not entirely clear to me why this course has been excluded from our program until now; I can provide more detail about my understanding of this, as needed.)

The addition of “Movements in 20<sup>th</sup> century Philosophy” (Philos 3260) to the list of courses that satisfy the history of philosophy requirement reflects the fact that we now consider the twentieth century to be a period of historical relevance to contemporary philosophy.

The addition of “Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender” (Philos 3420) and “Theorizing Race” (Philos 3440) to the list of courses that satisfy the topics in philosophy requirement reflects changes in the core discipline of philosophy, as well as the changing needs of our students.

Please let me know when these changes have been approved and I will follow up with the Registrar to make sure that the Degree Audit is programmed accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Shabel".

Lisa Shabel  
Director of Undergraduate Studies and  
Associate Professor of Philosophy

**Philosophy Major = prerequisite + 30 hours,  
distributed as follows:**

Requirements* (6 hrs) <b>TWO</b> courses	History (6 hrs) <b>TWO</b> courses	Topics (6 hrs) <b>TWO</b> courses	Electives (15 hrs) <b>FIVE</b> courses
1500,1501, or 2500 (prereq) & 3000	any <b>TWO</b> from: 3210    3240 3220    3250 3230    3261	any <b>TWO</b> from: 3300    3700 3530    3750 3600    3800 3650    3810	any <b>ONE</b> : 2000-level or higher  any <b>TWO</b> : 3000-level or higher  any <b>TWO</b> : 5000-level or higher

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**NOTE:**

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**Philosophy Minor= 12 credit hours,  
distributed as follows:**

<b>TWO</b> courses (6 hrs)	<b>ONE</b> course (3 hrs)	<b>ONE</b> course (3 hrs)
2000-level or higher	3000-level or higher	3300 or higher

**NOTE:** Philosophy 2367 may not count towards your Minor program. A maximum of 6 semester hours on the Minor may also count on the GE.

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	2000-4999	3680	Philosophy of Biology
2120	Asian Philosophies	3700	Introduction to Metaphysics
2338	Computing Ethics for a Just and Diverse World	3750	Introduction to Theory of Knowledge
2340	The Future of Humanity	3800	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
2342	Environmental Ethics	3810	Philosophy of Action
2344	Human Flourishing in a Global Society	3820	Philosophy of Perception
2367	Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S.	3830	Consciousness
2390	Ethics and Leadership in a Diverse World	4998	Undergraduate Research in Philosophy
2400	Political and Social Philosophy	4999	Thesis Research
2450	Philosophical Problems in the Arts		5000
2455	Philosophy and Video Games	5010S	Teaching Philosophy
2456	Philosophy of Sport	5193	Individual Studies
2458	Animals and Philosophy	5210	Studies in Ancient Philosophy
2465	Death and the Meaning of Life	5211	Plato
2470H	Honors Philosophy in Film	5212	Aristotle
2500	Symbolic Logic	5220	Studies in Medieval Philosophy
2540	Introduction to the Philosophy of Rational Choice	5230	Studies in 17 <sup>th</sup> -Century Philosophy
2650	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	5240	Studies in 18 <sup>th</sup> -Century Philosophy
2660	Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution	5241	Studies in 18 <sup>th</sup> -Century Philosophy: Kant
2670	Science and Religion	5250	Studies in 19 <sup>th</sup> -Century Philosophy
2680	Scientific Controversies	5260	Studies in 20 <sup>th</sup> -Century Philosophy
2690	Genes and Society	5261	Phenomenology and Existentialism
2850	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion	5300	Advanced Moral Philosophy
2900H	Freshman-Sophomore Proseminar	5310	Metaethics
3000	Gateway Seminar	5400	Advanced Political and Social Philosophy
3111	Introduction to Jewish Philosophy	5410	Advanced Philosophy of Law
3120	Engaging Time: Philosophical Dimensions of Temporality	5420	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory
3210	History of Ancient Philosophy	5440	Philosophical Perspectives on Race, Education, and Citizenship
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3261	Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism	5540	Theory of Rational Choice
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3341(H)	Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice	5650	Advanced Philosophy of Science
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