

<b>Fiscal Unit/Academic Org</b>	Philosophy - D0575
<b>Administering College/Academic Group</b>	Arts And Sciences
<b>Co-administering College/Academic Group</b>	
<b>Semester Conversion Designation</b>	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
<b>Current Program/Plan Name</b>	Philosophy Minor
<b>Proposed Program/Plan Name</b>	Philosophy Minor
<b>Program/Plan Code Abbreviation</b>	PHILOS-MN
<b>Current Degree Title</b>	

## Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		20	13.3	12	1.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	20	13.3	12	1.3
	Maximum	20	13.3	12	1.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

### Program Learning Goals

- Students develop critical thinking about philosophy.
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## Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

## Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

**Pre-Major**

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

**Attachments**

- Philosophy Minor.pdf: Philosophy Minor Conversion  
*(Program Proposal. Owner: O'Keeffe, Susan B)*
- Philo.CL.SemCo.doc: A and H.CL  
*(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Williams, Valarie Lucille)*

**Comments**

- Combined Document:  
  - Department Cover Letter
  - Program Rationale
  - List of Courses and Curricular Map
  - Advising Sheets
  - Transition Plan *(by O'Keeffe, Susan B on 01/21/2011 09:51 AM)*

**Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	O'Keeffe, Susan B	01/24/2011 11:12 AM	Submitted for Approval
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Lawrence Krissek, Professor of Earth Sciences  
Faculty Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Instruc  
College of the Arts and Sciences

Dear Larry,

We are submitting the semester versions of the Department of Philosophy's undergraduate programs: BA in Philosophy and Minor in Philosophy. The semester degree proposals were reviewed by me at various stages, and reviewed and approved by a subdivision of the Arts and Humanities Disciplinary Advisory Panel on Curriculum during December 2010.

**Bachelor of Philosophy:** The BA in Philosophy was last revised by the department in 2006 after its program review. The quarter-system degree required 50 hours in the major with 45 credits in the major course work and 5 credits of pre-requisites, and the semester-system degree will require 33 credit hours of major course work and 3 credits of the same pre-requisite, Philosophy 2500. The most significant change in the major comes in the form of opening up its Historical Philosophy requirement to allow students greater choice on the major. This comes after several years of conversation in the department. They have also added a Gateway Seminar for their majors. The Transition Plan identified the individualist nature of advising that Philosophy has historically provided for its majors, and addresses how it will continue this practice in the future. Please note that the BA in Philosophy has an assessment plan on file with OAA, confirmed October 15, 2010.

**Minor in Philosophy:** The Minor in Philosophy has no major revisions to its programmatic structure. It is a direct course-to-course translation: 4 courses were required on quarters and 4 courses will be required on semesters. The department still maintains its requirement of expertise at various levels, including courses from the 2000-level to the 5000-level.

We are sending these programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction. The courses that are specific to all of the programs are listed under Philosophy in PACER and I will advance them along with the program forms. All programs from Philosophy have the approval of Arts and Humanities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or [williams.1415@osu.edu](mailto:williams.1415@osu.edu).

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Valarie Williams'.

Valarie Williams

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities  
Professor of Dance

January 20, 2010

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Dear Office of Academic Affairs,

The Department of Philosophy has completed its proposal for the semester versions of its programs: Bachelor of Arts Major, Minor, and Ph.D. In what follows, I describe the process that produced the attached program designs, the products of that process, and the plans the Department has developed for implementing the conversion.

### **Process**

The Department charged its Undergraduate Committee with developing proposals for semester versions of its philosophy minor and major and its Graduate Committee with developing a proposal for a semester version of its Ph.D. program. The committees gathered information concerning the corresponding programs in a wide variety of peer and “aspirational peer” institutions. After reviewing the programs of other respected philosophy departments around the country, each committee brought forth to the entire Department concrete recommendations for semester versions of each of the three programs.

These proposals were discussed by the entire Department at departmental meetings on January 11, 2010, February 15, 2010, and April 5, 2010. (The Department meetings include two graduate students as voting members.) During the discussions at these meetings, multiple amendments were proposed and voted on and the resulting proposals were passed, in accordance with our Pattern of Administration, by an e-mail vote held from April 9 through April 16. The vote of the Department for each of the three programs was overwhelming: 16 in favor, one abstention, and no negative votes.

### **Programs**

The Department has made minor revisions to each of its three degree programs continuously over the years. After our last program review in 2006, we considered and put into place a number of changes in our undergraduate major program and our Ph.D. program. As a result of the fact that we have continuously re-evaluated and adjusted our programs, the changes we concluded were necessary at this point were relatively minor. These are outlined below.

#### ***The Minor Program:***

*Quarters:* We believe that, given the inherent interdisciplinary nature of philosophy, a philosophy minor can be an attractive complement to a very wide variety of major programs. As a result, we have designed the minor to be extremely flexible. This approach is maintained in the proposed semester minor program. Under the quarter system, students were required to take four philosophy courses (20 quarter hours) in

philosophy at or above the 200 level. Of these courses, at least two (10 quarter hours) had to be at or above the 300 level and, of these, at least one (5 quarter hours) had to be at or above the 400 level.

*Semesters:* Under the semester plan, where our undergraduate courses will be 3 semester hours each, students wishing to minor in Philosophy will still need four courses (12 semester hours) at or above the (equivalent) 2000 level. Of these four courses, at least two (6 semester hours) must be at or above the 3000 level. And of these, at least one (3 semester hours) must be at the 5000 level. This constitutes a slight increase in the level of the required courses, but no increase in the adjusted credit hours for completion of a philosophy minor.

### ***The Major Program (B.A. in Philosophy):***

*Quarters:* The requirements for a B.A. degree in philosophy are considerably more specific with respect to content. We require, as a prerequisite to the major, completion of a course in symbolic logic (Philosophy 250). The major itself consists of 9 courses (45 quarter hours) at or above the 200 level. Three of those courses (15 quarter hours) are in the history of philosophy (Philosophy 301-305) with Ancient Philosophy (301) being required. Three of the courses (15 quarter hours) must be in a category called ‘philosophical topics’, with Moral Philosophy (431) being required. In addition, at least two courses (10 quarter hours) must be at the 600 level.

*Semesters:* The basic structure of the philosophy Bachelor of Arts degree under semesters remains the same, with one minor adjustment and one important addition. Symbolic Logic (Philosophy 2500) will be a prerequisite to the major. Students will still be required to take three courses (9 semester hours) in the history of philosophy, but Ancient Philosophy (Philosophy 3210) will not be required. Instead, students may take any three of the specified courses in the history of philosophy. The philosophical topics requirement will remain the same: students are required to take Moral Philosophy (3300) and any two courses from a large list of alternatives for a total of 9 semester hours in this category. We will retain a “level requirement,” mandating that students have at least two courses (six semester hours) at the 5000 level. Students will also be required to take one further course in Philosophy at the 3xxx, 4xxx, or 5xxx level. The major requirements, themselves, comprise 30 semester hours.

The important addition is a “Gateway Seminar.” This course (3 semester hours) is designed to provide philosophy majors with an intensive writing course early in their major career. Because it is a skills course, it will be taught in a small class format and the content will vary.

### ***The Ph.D. Program:***

*Quarters:* Under the quarter system, our Ph.D. program requires students to complete 120 quarter hours. We have two individual course requirements: Advanced Symbolic Logic (650) and a First-Year Seminar (700). In addition, we have both a distribution requirement and a requirement concerning the total number of courses/seminars a student must complete. Details of these requirements are in the attached documents.

*Semesters:* The Ph.D. program in Philosophy under semesters will reflect a minimal change in substance from our current Ph.D. program. The most significant change in the doctoral program requirements is a reduction in the total number of courses/seminars required from 16 to 14. This was done to reflect the fact that seminars are being redesigned to include more content under the 14-week semester term.

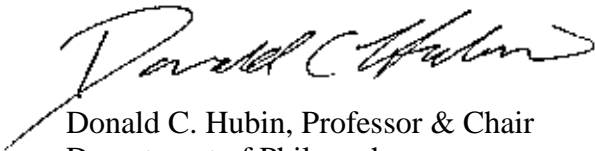
## **Implementation**

The Department is committed to ensuring that the transition of our programs from the quarter system to the semester system takes place without impeding students' progress in the program. We believe that this goal is best achieved by working with students in the transitional years on an individual basis. The size of our program, and the fact that our programs do not rely on sequentially structured course requirements makes this approach not only feasible but the most appropriate.

The design of our degree programs under the semester system has been reviewed by the entire faculty with significant input from our graduate students. The attached proposals have the nearly-unanimous support of the Department and I join in supporting them.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Hubin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Donald C. Hubin, Professor & Chair  
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# **Semester Conversion Minor in Philosophy**

Department of Philosophy  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Note: conversion with minimal changes

## **Program Requirements**

### **Learning Goals:**

- (1) Students develop critical thinking about philosophy.
- (2) Students read, think, and write about the history of philosophy.
- (3) Students read, think, and write about contemporary philosophical topics.
- (4) Students learn formal methods in logic.

### **Course Requirements:**

- (3 cr.) at least 1 course at the 5xxx level in philosophy
- (3 cr.) at least 1 additional course at the 3xxx level or above in philosophy
- (6 cr.) at least 2 additional courses (3 cr. each) at the 2xxx level or above in philosophy for a total of 12 credit hours of required courses.

## Philosophy Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Map and List of Semester Courses for Minor

Required Courses	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think about, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
At least four at or above this level	2120	Asian Philosophies	I	I		
	2194	Group Studies	I	I	I	I
	2261	Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism				
	2342	Environmental Ethics	I		I	
	2400	Political and Social Philosophy	I		I	
	2450H	Honors Philosophical Problems in the Arts	I		I	
	2450	Philosophical Problems in the Arts	I		I	
	2470H	Honors Philosophy of Film	I		I	
	2500	Symbolic Logic	B			B
	2500	Symbolic Logic				I
	2650	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	I		I	
	2660	Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution	I	I		
	2850	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion	I		I	
	2860	Science and Religion	I		I	
Including at least 2 at or above this level	2900H	Freshman-Sophomore Proseminar	I	I	I	
	3000	Gateway Seminar	B			
	3111	Introduction to Jewish Philosophy	I	I		
	3210	History of Ancient Philosophy		I		
	3220	History of Medieval Philosophy		I		
	3230	History of 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3240	History of 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3250	History of 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3260	Movements in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	I	I		



	3261	Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism		I		
	3262	Contemporary Continental Thought	I	I		
	3300	Ethical Theory	I		I	
	3341H	Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice	I	I	I	
	3351	Judaism and Ethics	I		I	
	3410	Philosophical Problems in the Law	I		I	
	3420	Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender	I		I	
	3440	Theorizing Race	I		I	
	3530	Philosophy of Logic	I		I	I
	3600	Introduction to Philosophy of Language	I		I	
	3650	Philosophy of Science	I		I	
	3680	Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology	I		I	
	3700	Introduction to Metaphysics	I		I	
	3750	Introduction to Theory of Knowledge	I		I	
	3800	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	I		I	
	3810	Philosophy of Action	I		I	
	3820	Philosophy of Perception	I		I	
	3870	Jewish Mysticism	I	I	I	
	4900H	Junior-Senior Proseminar	A	A	A	
Including at least one at or above this level (and not to include more than one instance of 5193 specifically)	5193	Individual Studies	A	A	A	A
	5194	Group Studies	A	A	A	A
	5210	Studies in Ancient Philosophy	A	A		
	5211	Plato	A	A		
	5212	Aristotle	A	A		
	5220	Studies in Medieval Philosophy	A	A		
	5230	Studies in 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5240	Studies in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5241	Kant	A	A		
	5250	Studies in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5260	Studies in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		

	5261	Existentialism and Phenomenology	A	A		
	5263	American Philosophy	A	A		
	5300	Advanced Ethical Theory	A		A	
	5400	Advanced Political and Social Philosophy	A		A	
	5410	Advanced Philosophy of Law	A		A	
	5420	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory	A		A	
	5450	Advanced Aesthetic Theory	A		A	
	5460	Philosophy in Literature				
	5500	Advanced Symbolic Logic	A			A
	5510	Advanced Logical Theory	A			A
	5520	Inductive Logic and Probability Theory	A			A
	5530	Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics	A		A	
	5540	Theory of Rational Choice	A		A	A
	5550	Nonclassical Logic	A			A
	5600	Advanced Philosophy of Language				
	5650	Advanced Philosophy of Science	A		A	
	5700	Advanced Metaphysics	A		A	
	5737	Proseminar in Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5750	Advanced Theory of Knowledge	A		A	
	5797	Study at a Foreign Institution	A	A	A	A
	5800	Advanced Philosophy of Mind	A		A	
	5830	Advanced Philosophy of Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5840	Introduction to Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5850	Philosophy of Religion	A		A	
	5870	Topics in Jewish Philosophy	A	A	A	
Elective Courses: General and Honors	Course Number	Course Title	Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	1100H	Honors Introduction to Philosophy	B	B	B	
	1100	Introduction to Philosophy	B	B	B	
	1101H	Mind and Its Place in Nature: Western Conceptions of the Self from Antiquity to the Present, Part 1	B	B		

	1102H	Mind and Its Place in Nature: Western Conceptions of the Self from Antiquity to the Present, Part 2	B	B		
	1300H	Honors Introduction to Ethics	B		B	
	1300	Introduction to Ethics	B		B	
	1332	Engineering Ethics	B		B	
	1500	Introduction to Logic	B			B
	1501	Introduction to Logic and Legal Reasoning	B			B
	1520	Probability, Data, and Decision Making	B			B
Elective Courses: GE	Course Number	Course Title	Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	2367	Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S.	I		I	

Total Required Hours: 12

4 2xxx or above, including 2 3xxx or above, including 1 5xxx.

B = Beginner Level

I = Intermediate Level

A = Advanced Level

Note that, when a course is permitted to have a range of contents (at the discretion of the instructor), the course has been marked as apt to satisfy the full permitted range of undergraduate educational goals.

### **B.A. Minor in Philosophy Advising Sheet (under SEMESTERS)**

All minor programs must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Consultation concerning the minor should be sought at least one year prior to the student's projected date of graduation. The minimal requirements for a minor in Philosophy are:

1. At least 12 credit hours in Philosophy courses numbered 2000 or above.
2. At least 6 of those credit hours must be in Philosophy courses numbered 3000 or above.
3. At least 3 of those credit hours must be in Philosophy courses numbered 5000 or above.
4. No more than 3 credit hours of PHIL 5193 coursework may be applied to the minor.
5. A minimum of 6 credit hours of a student's minor program must be completed at Ohio State University.
6. Philosophy 2367 does not count towards your minor program, although it may be used for GE purposes.

### **B.A. in Philosophy Advising Sheet (under QUARTERS)**

All minor programs must be approved by Professor Tamar Rudavsky ([Rudavsky.1@osu.edu](mailto:Rudavsky.1@osu.edu)) Director of Undergraduate Studies (Room 376, University Hall, 292-7914). Consultation concerning the minor should be sought at least one year prior to the student's projected date of graduation. The minimal requirements for a minor in Philosophy are:

7. At least 20 credit hours in Philosophy courses numbered 200 or above (see [Course Descriptions](#)).
8. At least ten of those credit hours must be in Philosophy courses numbered 300 or above (see [Course Descriptions](#)).
9. At least five of those credit hours must be in Philosophy courses numbered 400 or above (see [Course Descriptions](#)).
10. No more than five credit hours of [Philosophy 693](#) coursework may be applied to the minor.
11. A minimum of 10 credit hours of a student's minor program must be completed at Ohio State.
12. Philosophy 367 & 597 do not count towards your minor program, although they may be used for GEC purposes.

## **Department of Philosophy Transition Policy**

The Department of Philosophy is committed to protecting the academic progress of its students. Students should find that the shift from quarters to semesters does not disrupt their progress towards a minor in Philosophy if they actively develop and follow academic plans in consultation with their academic advisors and the Undergraduate Studies Committee chair. Students completing minors in Philosophy within this transition will receive approximately the same amount of instruction as students enrolled under either the quarter or the semester model, and the changes to our programs will not affect the quality of the education provided by Philosophy. To ensure the conversion will not harm our students' progress, we will continue to provide intentional and purposeful advising by understanding how the changes in our courses and program requirements will affect our students' degree programs. We will maintain flexibility with our students' progress through their degrees and assist them in planning their programs to graduation.

The Department of Philosophy has approximately 66 students minoring in the Department each year in various stages of their degree programs. With a dedicated full time professional staff member who administrates undergraduate issues, the Department is well equipped to personally handle the needs of its students during the semester conversion process. We are committed to individually serving our students to ensure their success and achievement throughout the semester conversion process.

The Department of Philosophy also commits to updating all documents, forms, and materials that are available in person or electronically to reflect these changes and the semester requirements, including our website, handbooks, advising sheets, and program forms available in print and online.