

PHILOSOPHY AND LAW MINOR

Banner Code: PHLW

Academic Advising

6200 Horizon Hall
Fairfax Campus

Website: philosophy.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-phil-phlw

This minor offers students a course of study that emphasizes the philosophical analysis of legal issues. It acquaints students with the rich tradition of philosophical argument dealing with the justification of law, its relation to moral theory, the justifications for punishment, and the concepts of justice, rights, liberty, and legal responsibility. In addition, an education in philosophy stresses intellectual skills that are important in the study of law.

PHIL 353	Theories of Justice	
GOVT 428	Advanced Democratic Theory	
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 343	Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
PHIL 344	Ethical Issues in Global Health	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	
Total Credits		9

¹

One elective course may be chosen from other coursework in philosophy with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL 173	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 311	Philosophy of Law	3
Select one course from the following:		3
PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	
Total Credits		9

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following: ¹		6
PHIL 323 or GOVT 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
PHIL 324 or GOVT 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 327 or GOVT 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	
PHIL 329	Philosophy after Auschwitz	