**PHILOSOPHY AND LAW MINOR**

Banner Code: PHLW

Academic Advising

B465 Robinson 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.

**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.

**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**

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**Electives**

Select two courses from the following: ¹

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¹ One elective course may be chosen from other coursework in philosophy with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.