# POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY MINOR

**Banner Code:** PPHL  
**Academic Advising**  
6200 Horizon Hall  
Fairfax Campus  
Website: philosophy.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-la-pphl

This minor provides students with an intensive study of political philosophy and political theory. Students take courses in the history of political philosophy; the moral evaluation of political institutions; the ethical, social, and political issues raised by globalization; and the conceptual foundations of democracy and human rights. Through this coursework, students are able to study this field from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. They develop a deeper philosophical perspective on political institutions and have a solid foundation for further graduate study in philosophy, government, or policy studies.

**Faculty**  
Brandhorst, Cherubin, Fyfe, Mandaville, Miller (Director), Scherer

## 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

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### Electives

Select two elective courses from the courses below or above (if not used to meet the core requirement): 1

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