

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY MINOR (SCHAR)

Banner Code: PPHL

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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.

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 (<https://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 (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/political-philosophy-minor/#admissionspoliciestext>) tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6
PHIL 323 or GOVT 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
PHIL 324 or GOVT 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
PHIL 327 or GOVT 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	
Total Credits		6

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select two elective courses from the courses below or above (if not used to meet the core requirement): ¹		6
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 329	Philosophy after Auschwitz	
PHIL 343	Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
PHIL 344	Ethical Issues in Global Health	
PHIL 353	Theories of Justice	
PHIL 429	Advanced Topics in Social and Political Philosophy	
Select two elective courses from the courses below or above (if not used to meet the core requirement): ¹		6
GOVT 329	Issues in Political Theories and Values	
GOVT 420	American Political Thought	
GOVT 427	Feminist Political Thought	
GOVT 428	Advanced Democratic Theory	
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	
Total Credits		12

¹ Special topics courses and independent studies courses, when relevant, may also be used to fulfill elective credits with prior written approval of the director.