

## Proposal to Change Philosophy Minor

**Addition, Deletion, Change?** Change

**Major/Department:** Philosophy

**Impact on Majors?** Non

**Impact on Cornerstone?** Yes, cornerstone 4 only in that all classes required for the minor are Cornerstone 4 courses.

**Impact on Teacher Licensure?** No

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**Minor Title:** Philosophy Minor

**Credit Hours:** 18

**Courses:** Philosophy 102 (Introduction to Philosophy) **or** Philosophy 109 (Critical Thinking)  
Philosophy 105 (Introduction to Ethics) **or** Philosophy 250 (Applied Ethics)  
Philosophy 121 (Ancient and Medieval Philosophy) **or** Philosophy 122 (Modern  
Philosophy)  
Philosophy 265 (Metaphysics and Epistemology)

2 electives in Philosophy

**Catalogue Description:** This is a minor aimed at any student who is interested in enhancing his or her critical thinking skills and who would like to do so by expanding their knowledge of philosophy and its major questions. Students who minor in philosophy will study the history of philosophy, ethics and the key problems of human existence, such as questions about how to determine who one is or how we gain knowledge.

**Relationship to Major and Other Departments:** The philosophy minor is meant to complement the Philosophy major in that the changes proposed will bring the minor more in line with the requirements of the major. Consequently, students will receive similar basic philosophical background as the majors and will put students who begin with a minor on track pick up a major if they so desire.

**Proposed Configuration:** N/A

**Rationale:** The principal reason that the philosophy department is proposing the change in the minor is to bring it more in line with the new proposed philosophy major. If we did not change the minor, for example, students who minor in philosophy would be required to take more history of philosophy than would philosophy or applied philosophy majors. There is no reason for this disparity. More generally, the minor currently reflects the emphasis of the philosophy program that is being phased out and therefore, the minor must be updated to reflect the department's goals and mission.

**Summary of Rationale:**

1. Bring philosophy minor in line with the new proposed philosophy major
2. Adjust the minor to better reflect the updated vision, goals and mission of the department.

**Cost Estimates and Staff Estimates:** None