Philosophy Minor

Course Requirements for Minor in Philosophy

The minor in philosophy consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours in philosophy, with at least two courses at the 300-level. The courses chosen should form a coherent program.

Course Requirements for Minor in Logical and Ethical Reasoning

The minor in logical and ethical reasoning consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours, with at least two courses at the 300 level, as follows:

Courses

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| PHIL 205 | Introduction to Logic | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| PHIL 220 | Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning | 4 | F, Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| PHIL 305 | Intermediate Logic | 4 | Sp (even years) |
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| PHIL 206 | Ethics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| PHIL 306 | Contemporary Ethical Theory | 3 | F |

REMAINING CREDIT HOURS are made up of additional choices from the five courses above and/or from:

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| PHIL 200 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| PHIL 321 | Social and Political Philosophy | 3 | F, Sp |
| PHIL 322 | Philosophy of Law | 3 | Sp |
| PHIL 325 | Environmental Ethics | 3 | Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 208 | Introduction to the Law | 4 | F, Sp |

Political Science B.A.

Course Requirements

Required Courses

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| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 308 | Current Political Controversy | 4 | F, Sp |

AT LEAST SIX ADDITIONAL political science courses at the 300-level or above

Note: POL 208 may also be taken to fulfill part of this requirement.

**At least two courses must be from the following:**

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| POL 301 | Foundations of Public Administration | 4 | F |
| POL 306 | State and Local Government | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 307 | Political Behavior | 4 | F (even years) |
| POL 309 | Gender and Politics in the U.S. | 4 | As needed |
| POL 318 | Crises of Liberalism | 4 | F |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| POL 333 | Law and Politics of Civil Rights | 4 | Annually |
| POL 334 | Contemporary Constitutional Problems | 4 | Sp (alternate years) |
| POL 342 | The Politics of Global Economic Change | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 345 | International Nongovernmental Organizations | 4 | F |
| POL 346 | Foreign Policy | 4 | As needed |
| POL 353 | Parties and Elections | 4 | F, of election years |
| POL 354 | Interest Group Politics | 4 | F (alternate years) |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |
| POL 358 | The American Congress | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 359 | Politics and the Media | 4 | As needed |

Note: It is recommended that these courses be taken following POL 300 and POL 308.

## Secondary Education

History Major

Students electing a major in History apply to the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development and meet admission requirements that include a 3.00 in their content grade point average (GPA). Students must maintain the content GPA of 3.00 for retention and, along with satisfactorily completing required courses in secondary education (minimum grade B-), complete the following courses to obtain History certification:

Requirements

History

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 200 | The Nature of Historical Inquiry | 4 | F, Sp |
| HIST 201 | U.S. History to 1877 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 202 | U.S. History from 1877 to the Present | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 362 | Reading Seminar in History | 4 | F, Sp (as needed) |

ONE COURSE from U.S. History at the 300-level

ONE COURSE from Western History I:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 300 | History of Ancient Greece | 4 | Alternate years |
| HIST 301 | Alexander and the Hellenistic World | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 302 | The Roman Republic | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 303 | The Roman Empire | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 304 | Medieval History | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 305 | The Age of the Renaissance | 4 | F |
| HIST 306 | Protestant Reformations and Catholic Renewal | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 307 | Europe in the Age of Enlightenment | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 311 | The Origins of Russia to 1700 | 4 | Alternate years |
| HIST 312 | Russia from Peter to Lenin | 4 | Alternate years |
| HIST 315 | Western Legal Systems | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 318 | Tudor-Stuart England | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 352 | Colonial Latin America | 4 | Annually |

ONE COURSE from Western History II:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 308 | Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1789 to 1850 | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 309 | Europe in the Age of Nationalism, 1850 to 1914 | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 310 | Twentieth-Century Europe | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 313 | The Soviet Union and After | 4 | Alternate years |
| HIST 316 | Modern Western Political Thought | 4 | F |
| HIST 317 | Politics and Society | 4 | Sp |
| HIST 353 | Modern Latin America | 4 | Annually |

ONE COURSE from Non-Western History

ONE ADDITIONAL 300-level history course

Certification Courses

To be certified to teach history in Rhode Island secondary schools, students must also complete six of the certification courses listed below. Upon completion, students may be eligible for Rhode Island endorsement to teach economics, geography, political science, and social studies. Students may also be eligible for endorsement to teach anthropology and/or sociology, if they take two of the designated anthropology courses (see below) and/or two of the designated sociology courses (see below). Only one course in these disciplines is required if endorsement in these disciplines is not sought.

Courses

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ECON 200 | Introduction to Economics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 200 | World Regional Geography | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

ONE COURSE from:

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| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 205 | Race, Culture, and Ethnicity: Anthropological Perspectives | 4 | Odd years |
| SOC 200 | Society and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 202 | The Family | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 208 | The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

ONE COURSE from:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GEOG 101 | Introduction to Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 303 | Historical Geography of the United States | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 307 | Coastal Geography | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 337 | Urban Political Geography | 3 | As needed |

ONE COURSE from:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 208 | Introduction to the Law | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 337 | Urban Political Geography | 3 | As needed |
| POL 357 | The American Presidency | 4 | As needed |
| POL 358 | The American Congress | 4 | Every third semester |

Course Descriptions:

POL 204 - Introduction to Political Thought (4)

Fundamental concepts and issues of philosophy and political theory are investigated. Basic precepts about authority, law, government, and the terms of obligation are examined in light of contemporary concerns.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 208 - Introduction to the Law (4)

Students are introduced to the legal system, the nature of legal reasoning, and the roles of judges, juries, legislatures, and others in shaping the law...

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 262 - Power and Community (4)

Students study normative and empirical aspects of the concepts of “power” and “community.” Examples of power relations in a variety of contexts and settings will be compared.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 265 - Politics and Popular Culture: Global Perspectives (4)

Students investigate the intersection of politics and popular culture in Western and non-Western societies by examining entertainment values, their relationship to political culture and behavior, and the debate over globalization.

General Education Category: Core 4.

Prerequisite: Gen. Ed. Core 1, 2, and 3.

Offered: Annually.

POL 266 - Investing in the Global Economy (4)

Students study nations around the world pursuing success in global economic competition. The course will compare economic development and investment opportunities of nations and their businesses.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: Connections courses may not be used as part of a major or minor. FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 267 - Immigration, Citizenship, and National Identity (4)

Students investigate how different societies have dealt with citizenship and immigration issues and how conceptions of nationhood influence citizenship and immigration debates.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Annually.

POL 300 - Methodology in Political Science (4)

The approaches and methods of empirical political science research are surveyed. Emphasis is on research design, data collection, and interpretation.

General Education Category: Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning.

Prerequisite: POL 202 and any Gen. Ed. Mathematics course, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 301 - Foundations of Public Administration (4)

The art and science of public administration is introduced. Focus is on the administrative leadership necessary to manage government agencies within the American political system.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

POL 303 - International Law and Organization (4)

Both twentieth-century international organization and the place of evolving international law are considered with respect to the settlement of disputes and the maintenance of peace.

Prerequisite: POL 203 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

POL 306 - State and Local Government (4)

Students examine the political structures, processes, policies, and power distributions in state and local governments in the United States. Topics include intergovernmental relations, executive leadership, and legislative policy making.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Every third semester.

POL 307 - Political Behavior (4)

Students examine how individuals interact with the American political system. Topics include political socialization, political psychology, public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of mass political participation.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall (even years).

POL 308 - Current Political Controversy (4)

Students learn the art and science of political analysis by critically reading and writing about political controversies currently in the news while learning to use the tools and data available to political scientists.

Prerequisite: POL 202 and completion of 30 credits.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 309 - Gender and Politics in the U.S. (4)

Focus is on the increasing involvement of women in the politics and issues of contemporary America. Women's political socialization, voting behavior and political roles in government are also discussed.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

POL 315 - Western Legal Systems (4)

This is a comparative study of English common law and continental European civil law. Students cannot receive credit for both POL 315 and HIST 315.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

POL 316 - Modern Western Political Thought (4)

The ideas of major Western political thinkers are reviewed. Students cannot receive credit for both HIST 316 and POL 316.

Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

POL 317 - Politics and Society (4)

Relationships of power and authority and their social foundations are examined. Students cannot receive credit for more than one of the following: HIST 317, POL 317, and SOC 317.

Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

POL 318 - Crises of Liberalism (4)

Liberalism is studied and critiqued as political philosophy and as creed: a liberalism of toleration/inalienable natural rights; a liberalism of autonomy/market choice; a liberalism of human development/capability.

Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

POL 327 - Internship in State Government (4)

Through field placements in the government of Rhode Island, students are able to integrate classroom theory with political reality. Included is a weekly lecture series involving the participation of appropriate political leaders and academics.

Prerequisite: Recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee to the State Internship Commission.

Offered: Spring.

POL 328 - Field Experiences in the Public Sector (4)

Students are assigned to local, state, or national agencies, political parties, or interest groups. Assignments relate field experiences to academic concepts.

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 331 - Courts and Public Policy (4)

Students examine the role of courts in forming and implementing public policy. Topics include litigation strategies, the selection of judges, judicial activism, and the impact of court decisions on society.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall.

POL 332 - Civil Liberties in the United States (4)

Traditional constitutional guarantees of civil liberty and due process in American life are examined. Included are an examination of legal decisions and the justifications offered for those decisions.

Prerequisite: POL 202.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

POL 333 - Law and Politics of Civil Rights (4)

Struggles for legal and political equality are examined, with primary focus on discrimination based on race, sex, and sexual orientation. Interactions among law, political institutions, interest groups, and social movements are also explored.

Prerequisite: POL 202 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

POL 334 – Contemporary Constitutional Problems (4)

Students explore current issues in constitutional law, focusing on questions of federalism and the separation of powers, and participate in a Supreme Court simulation.

Prerequisite: POL 202 and one of the following: POL 208, POL 315, POL 331, POL 332, POL 333, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring (alternate years).

POL 335 - Jurisprudence and the American Judicial Process (3)

The nature of law is examined through the analysis of selected theories of jurisprudence. Attention is given to judicial organization and process, judicial administration and politics, and judicial behavior at both the state and national levels.

Prerequisite: One 200-level political science course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.