



# The Philosophy minor

At Neumann University

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# PHILOSOPHY at NEUMANN

- Neumann University does not have a Philosophy major.

- But Neumann University does have a Philosophy minor.

# ***Requirements for the PHIL minor***

A minimum of 18 credits in Philosophy [*PHIL*]. And a capstone paper to be developed from a Philosophy course, to be completed senior year.

**Total Credits Required.....18**

## **Philosophy Core Requirements**

PHIL 102	Exploring Ethics	3 PHIL credits
PHIL XXX	A specially designated upper-level PHIL course	3 PHIL credits ----- 6 PHIL credits

The description of the Philosophy Minor in this Ppt applies to students who started at Neumann fall 2012 or after. If you started at Neumann prior to fall 2012, then the core requirements are slightly different.

# Completing the PHIL minor

After core philosophy courses are completed, then 12 more PHIL credits are needed to complete the PHIL minor (4 more courses).

# Possible Scenario

*For core, you will take:*

PHIL 102 Exploring Ethics                      3 PHIL credits

PHIL 205 Ethics in Criminal Justice    3 PHIL credits

*To fulfill your Fine Arts core requirement, you can take:*

PHIL 260, The Philosophy of Music    3 PHIL credits

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That will give you a total of:            9 PHIL credits

So, only 9 *more* PHIL credits are needed to complete the PHIL minor (only 3 more courses).

# **`But why should I pursue the philosophy minor?' you may ask.**

There are many good reasons. Consider these.

**(1). High-level study of philosophy is impressive on a resumé.**

**For example, Joe Glass, associate professor of communication and media arts, recently said: "The reason they called me in for the job interview is because they were impressed that I completed a philosophy minor."**

# Another reason...

(2). In recent years, students majoring in mechanical engineering and accounting have seen the value in taking upper-level philosophy courses. Because of the analytical skills developed in studying philosophy, these majors believe that high-level study of philosophy will make them more employable.

- See the October 15, 2011 article in [\*The Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#).
- See the March 5, 2014 article in [\*The Huffington Post\*](#).
- Read about the in-house philosopher at Google, in the July 17, 2011 [\*Chronicle of Higher Education\*](#).

## Another reason...

- (3). Let's say that you are a Criminal Justice major, and you complete a minor in philosophy.

Now, when you are applying for a job and a prospective employer is considering hiring:

a. A Criminal Justice major from Neumann with a GPA of 3.0

or

b. Criminal Justice major from Neumann with a GPA of 3.0 ***and a minor in philosophy,***

which applicant will be preferred?

Probably the CJ major with a minor in philosophy.



# Another reason...

(3b). Or let's say that you are an International Business major, and you complete a minor in philosophy.

Now, when you are applying for a job and a prospective employer is considering hiring:

a. An International Business major from Neumann with a GPA of 3.0

or

b. An International Business major from Neumann with a GPA of 3.0 ***and a minor in philosophy,***

which applicant will be preferred?

Probably the IB major with a minor in philosophy.

# What PHILOSOPHY COURSES CAN I TAKE?

The following philosophy courses have been offered in recent years:

- PHIL 320 The Philosophy of Religion (*on fall '14 sched*)
- PHIL 202 Business Ethics (*every semester*)
- PHIL 205 Ethics in Criminal Justice (*every semester*)
- PHIL 260 The Philosophy of Music (*on spr '13 sched*)
- PHIL 226 Philosophical Themes in Film (*on spr '14 sched*)
- PHIL 350 Social & Political Philosophy (*on fall '15 sched*)
- PHIL 360 Existentialism (*on spr '15 sched*)
- PHIL 226 Fate, Freedom & Responsibility (*on fall '15 sched*)
- PHIL 226 The Philosophy of Sport (*on spr '16 sched*)
- PHIL 203 Life's Big Questions (*on fall '15 sched*)
- PHIL 226 Philosophy of Violence (*on fall '14 sched*)
- PHIL 250 Women and Philosophy (*on spr '15 sched*)
- HNR 326 Evolution & Philosophic Inquiry (*on fall '15 sched*)
- PHIL 226 Life After Death (*on fall '15 sched*)
- PHIL 326 Philosophy in African American Thought (*spr '16*)

- "The aim of philosophy ... is to understand how things in the broadest possible sense of the term hang together in the broadest possible sense of the term."



--Wilfrid Sellars  
(1962)

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<http://www.neumann.edu/academics/minors/philosophy/>