

Rochester INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Minor Program proposal form

College of Liberal Arts

**Department of Philosophy**

**Name of Minor:** Philosophy

**Brief description of the minor to be used in university publications**

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| The philosophy minor provides basic competency in a variety of areas of philosophical inquiry and in developing the critical skills central to philosophical analysis. Students should achieve an articulate understanding of many of the great philosophers, major philosophical issues, and methods of philosophical inquiry that shape our most fundamental forms of critical reflection upon human life and conduct. As a result, students will develop understanding and skills that directly enhance their future personal and professional lives. This minor is closed to students enrolled in the philosophy degree program. |

**1.0 Minor Program Approvals**

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|  | Approval request date: | Approval granted date: |
| Academic Unit Curriculum Committee |  | 2//3/12 |
| College Curriculum Committee | 2/10/12 | 2/10/12 |
| Inter-College Curriculum Committee | 2/27/12 | 2/27/12 |

**2.0 Rationale:**

A minor at RIT is a related set of academic courses consisting of no fewer than 15 semester credit hours leading to a formal designation on a student's baccalaureate transcript

How is this set of academic courses related?

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| All are philosophy courses. |

**3.0 Multidisciplinary involvement:**

If this is a multidisciplinary minor spanning two or more academic units, list the units and their role in offering and managing this minor.

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| N/A |

**4.0 Students ineligible to pursue this minor:**

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Please list below any home programs whose students will not be allowed to pursue this minor, provide the reasoning, and indicate if this exclusion has been discussed with the affected programs:

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| This minor is closed to students enrolled in the philosophy degree program. |

**5.0 Minor Program Structure, Sequence and Course Offering Schedule:**

Describe the structure of the proposed minor and list all courses, their anticipated offering schedule, and any prerequisites.

* All minors must contain at least fifteen semester credit hours;
* Minors may be discipline-based or interdisciplinary;
* In most cases, minors shall consist of a minimum of two upper division courses (300 or above) to provide reasonable breadth and depth within the minor;
* As per New York State requirements, courses within the minor must be offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to complete the minor within the same time frame allowed for the completion of the baccalaureate degree;
* Provide a program mask showing how students will complete the minor.

Narrative of Minor Program Structure:

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| **The philosophy minor consists of five philosophy courses from the 200-400 level. At least one course must be at the 400 level.**  This minor includes semester credit hour (SCH) courses equivalent to currently existing quarter credit hour (QCH) courses. Changes in course numbers from QCH to SCH were made prior to the creation of the new semester minor policy. The proposed minor represents an approach typical of best practices in the discipline.  See the Minor Course Conversion Table for details. |

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| Course Number & Title | SCH | Required | Optional | Fall | Spring | Annual/Biennial | Prerequisites |
| PHIL 201 Ancient Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | A | None |
| PHIL 202 Foundations of Moral Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | A | None |
| PHIL 203 Modern Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | A | None |
| PHIL 204 Introduction to Logic | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | A | None |
| PHIL 301 Philosophy of Religion | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 302 Symbolic Logic | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 303 Philosophy of Art/Aesthetics | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 304 Philosophy of Law | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 305 Philosophy of Peace | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 306 Professional Ethics | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 307 Philosophy of Technology | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 308 Environmental Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 309 Feminist Theory | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 310 Theories of Knowledge | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 311 East Asian Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | None |
| PHIL 312 American Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 313 Philosophy of Film | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 314 Philosophy of Vision and Imaging | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | None |
| PHIL 401 Great Thinkers | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | A | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 402 Philosophy of Science | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 403 Social and Political Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 404 Philosophy of Mind | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 405 Philosophy of the Social Sciences | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 406 Contemporary Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 407 Philosophy of Action | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 408 Critical Social Theory | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 409 Existentialism | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 410 Medieval Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 411 Metaphysics | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 412 Nineteenth Century Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 413 Philosophy and Literary Theory | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 414 Philosophy of Language | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | B | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 415 Ethical Theory | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | A | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 416 Seminar in Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | A | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 449 Special Topics | 3 | No | Yes |  | X | A | One 200 or 300 level course, or permission of instructor |
| PHIL 571 Honors Philosophy | 3 | No | Yes | X |  | A | None |

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| Total credit hours: 15 |  |

**Minor Course Conversion Table: Quarter Calendar and Semester Calendar Comparison**

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| **Directions: The tables on this page will be used by the registrar’s office to aid student’s transitioning from the quarter calendar to the semester calendar.**  **If this minor existed in the quarter calendar and is being converted to the semester calendar please complete the following tables.**  **If this is a new minor that did not exist under the quarter calendar do not complete the following tables.**  Use the following tables to show minor course comparison in quarter and semester calendar formats. Use courses in the (2011-12) minor mask for this table. Display all required and elective minor courses. If necessary clarify how course sequences in the quarter calendar convert to semesters by either bracketing or using some other notation. |

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| Name of Minor in Semester Calendar: | Philosophy |
| Name of Minor in Quarter Calendar: | Philosophy |
| Name of Certifying Academic Unit: | Philosophy |

| **QUARTER: Current Minor Courses** | | | **SEMESTER: Converted Minor Courses** | | |  |
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| Course # | Course Title | QCH | Course # | Course Title | SCH | **Comments** |
| 0509-440 | Philosophy of Religion | 4 | PHIL 301 | Philosophy of Religion | 3 |  |
| 0509-441 | Logic | 4 | PHIL 302 | Symbolic Logic | 3 |  |
| 0509-442 | Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics | 4 | PHIL 303 | Philosophy of Art/Aesthetics | 3 |  |
| 0509-443 | Philosophy of Science | 4 | PHIL 402 | Philosophy of Science | 3 |  |
| 0509-444 | Great Thinkers | 4 | PHIL 401 | Great Thinkers | 3 |  |
| 0509-445 | Social and Political Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 403 | Social and Political Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-446 | Philosophy of Law | 4 | PHIL 304 | Philosophy of Law | 3 |  |
| 0509-448 | Philosophy of Peace | 4 | PHIL 305 | Philosophy of Peace | 3 |  |
| 0509-449 | Special Topics | 4 | PHIL 449 | Special Topics | 3 |  |
| 0509-450 | Seminar in Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 416 | Seminar in Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-451 | Professional Ethics | 4 | PHIL 306 | Professional Ethics | 3 |  |
| 0509-452 | Philosophy of Technology | 4 | PHIL 307 | Philosophy of Technology | 3 |  |
| 0509-453 | Environmental Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 308 | Environmental Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-454 | Feminist Theory | 4 | PHIL 309 | Feminist Theory | 3 |  |
| 0509-455 | Theories of Knowledge | 4 | PHIL 310 | Theories of Knowledge | 3 |  |
| 0509-455 | Ancient Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 201 | Ancient Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-457 | Modern Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 203 | Modern Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-458 | Philosophy of Mind | 4 | PHIL 404 | Philosophy of Mind | 3 |  |
| 0509-459 | Philosophy of the Social Sciences | 4 | PHIL 405 | Philosophy of the Social Sciences | 3 |  |
| 0509-460 | East Asian Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 311 | East Asian Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-461 | American Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 312 | American Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-462 | Contemporary Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 406 | Contemporary Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-464 | Philosophy of Action | 4 | PHIL 407 | Philosophy of Action | 3 |  |
| 0509-465 | Critical Social Theory | 4 | PHIL 408 | Critical Social Theory | 3 |  |
| 0509-466 | Existentialism | 4 | PHIL 409 | Existentialism | 3 |  |
| 0509-467 | Medieval Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 410 | Medieval Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-468 | Metaphysics | 4 | PHIL 411 | Metaphysics | 3 |  |
| 0509-469 | Nineteenth Century Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 412 | Nineteenth Century Philosophy | 3 |  |
| 0509-470 | Philosophy and Literary Theory | 4 | PHIL 413 | Philosophy and Literary Theory | 3 |  |
| 0509-471 | Philosophy of Film | 4 | PHIL 313 | Philosophy of Film | 3 |  |
| 0509-474 | Philosophy of Language | 4 | PHIL 414 | Philosophy of Language | 3 |  |
| 0509-475 | Philosophy of Vision and Imaging | 4 | PHIL 314 | Philosophy of Vision and Imaging | 3 |  |
| 0509-476 | Ethical Theory | 4 | PHIL 415 | Ethical Theory | 3 |  |
| 0509-571 | Honors: Philosophy | 4 | PHIL 571 | Honors: Philosophy | 3 |  |

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2. Institutional parameters

1. Minors may be discipline-based or interdisciplinary;
2. Only matriculated students may enroll in a minor;
3. At least nine semester credit hours of the minor must consist of courses not required by the student's home program;
4. Students may pursue multiple minors.  A minimum of nine semester credit hours must be designated towards each minor; these courses may not be counted towards other minors;
5. The residency requirement for a minor is a minimum of nine semester credit hours consisting of RIT courses (excluding "X" graded courses);
6. Posting of the minor on the student's academic transcript requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 in each of the minor courses;
7. Minors may not be added to the student's academic record after the granting of the bachelor's degree.

3. Development/approval/administration processes

* 1. Minors may be developed by faculty at the departmental, inter-departmental, college, or inter-college level. As part of the minor development process:
     1. students ineligible for the proposed minor will be identified;
     2. prerequisites, if any, will be identified;
  2. Minor proposals must be approved by the appropriate academic unit(s) curriculum committee, and college curriculum committee(s), before being sent to the Inter-College Curriculum Committee (ICC) for final consideration and approval.
  3. The academic unit offering the minor (in the case of interdisciplinary minors, the designated college/department) is responsible for the following:
     1. enrolling students in the minor (as space permits);
     2. monitoring students progress toward completion of the minor;
     3. authorizing the recording of the minor's completion on student's academic records;
     4. granting of transfer credit, credit by exam, credit by experience, course substitutions, and advanced placement;
     5. responding to student requests for removal from the minor.
  4. As per New York State requirements, courses within the minor must be offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to complete the minor within the same time frame allowed for the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

4. Procedures for Minor revision

It is the duty of the college curriculum committee(s) involved with a minor to maintain the program’s structure and coherence.  Once a minor is approved by the ICC, changes to the minor that do not have a significant effect on its focus may be completed with the approval of the involved academic unit(s) and the college curriculum committee(s).  Significant changes in the focus of the minor must be approved by the appropriate academic unit(s) curriculum committee(s), the college curriculum committee(s) and be resubmitted to the ICC for final consideration and approval.