

PHILOSOPHY, MINOR (0028)

Western Sydney University Minor Code: 0028

Previous Code: SM1076.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Philosophy has always asked the “big questions” about our lives. These are questions, for example, about the limits of our knowledge, the best way that humans can live together, how we understand the world around us, and what is the good life. A philosophy minor will enable students to develop particular skills and attributes - such as clear thinking, capacities to assess arguments and values, sound understanding of important philosophical views that have always been essential to university scholarship, and which continue to be valuable for graduates in both public and private life.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au

Minor Structure

To complete a minor in Philosophy, students must complete 40 credit points. At least two subjects must come from the following four foundation subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
PHIL 3006	Books that Changed how we Think	10
PHIL 1001	Ethics and Philosophy	10
PHIL 1006	Introduction to Philosophy	10
PHIL 2014	Thinkers That Changed the World	10

Additional subjects to complete the minor can be chosen from the above four subjects, or from the following pool subjects.

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
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Level 2 Subject Pool

HUMN 2011	Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens	10
PHIL 2010	The Ethical Life	10
PHIL 2015	Thinking Cinema	10
PHIL 2016	Truth and Knowledge	10
PHIL 2017	Western Political Philosophy	10

Level 3 Subject Pool

PHIL 3005	Aesthetics	10
PHIL 3008	Classics of Modern Philosophy	10
HUMN 3036	Ethics in Historical Perspective	10
PHIL 3021	Humanity, Technology and Existence (Advanced)	10
LANG 3062	Literature and Philosophy	10
PHIL 3010	Philosophies of Love and Death	10
PHIL 3012	Philosophy and Environment	10

PHIL 3015	Philosophy of History	10
PHIL 3018	Philosophy of Race and Racism	10
PHIL 3016	Philosophy of Religion	10
HUMN 3084	Theories of Conflict and Violence	10
CULT 3021	Theories of Authority	10
PHIL 3019	Thought and Action in Greece and Rome	10
HUMN 3088	Understanding Freedom	10
HUMN 3090	Understanding Power	10
HUMN 3096	What is the Human?	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this minor for students who have passed these subjects in the list below in 2021 or earlier.

PHIL 3007 - Case Studies in Philosophy: Text
 PHIL 2005 - Case Studies in Philosophy: Thinker
 BEHV 3013 - Humanities Internship
 PHIL 2006 - Key Philosophers
 PHIL 2007 - Philosophy and Environment
 PHIL 3014 - Philosophy in Focus
 PHIL 2008 - Philosophy and the Good Life

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Early Childhood/Primary) (1929) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-early-childhoodprimary-/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (1652) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)