

# Philosophy (Minor)

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MBU offers a minor in both philosophy and religious studies as well as a minor in religious leadership and ministry.

Philosophy is unlike any other field: it is unique both in its methods and in the nature and breadth of its subject matter. Philosophy pursues fundamental questions in every dimension of human life, and its techniques apply to problems in many fields of study or endeavor. No single definition expresses the richness and variety of philosophy: it is a reasoned pursuit of fundamental truths, a quest for deeper understanding, a study of the principles of conduct, and a critical examination of the ways-of-knowing and experiencing. Philosophers seek to establish standards of evidence, provide rational and humane methods of resolving conflicts, and create methods and criteria for evaluating ideas and arguments. Philosophy develops students' capacity to view the world from the perspective of other individuals and other cultures; it enhances one's ability to perceive the relationships among diverse fields of study; and it deepens one's sense of the meanings and varieties of human experience.

## Civic Engagement Opportunities

- Many programs and events jointly sponsored by Religion and Philosophy, such as Black History Month events — Black Baby Doll Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight March and Memorial Service, Kwanzaa, Annual Praise House Service
- Annual Peacebuilding and World Religions presentations and campus guest speakers
- Support for diverse Spencer Center and student club civic activities
- Internship opportunities: mediation and conflict resolution, peacebuilding, interfaith programs
- International civic engagement through May Term course offerings

**Department:** [Philosophy and Religious Studies](#)

**Type:** Minor

## Requirements for the Minor in Philosophy

Item #	Title	Credits
PHIL 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (HW)	3
PHIL 102	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (H)	3
PHIL 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC (Q)	3
	Three additional PHIL courses	9
	<b>Total credits:</b>	<b>18</b>