

## PHILOSOPHY MINOR

The minor in philosophy provides the opportunity for open-ended inquiry and reflection upon the most fundamental questions of human existence. This minor not only strengthens foundational habits of intellectual rigor, research, and reflection, but also encourages research in areas such as the philosophy of religion, metaphysics, and ethics. By providing students with the space to struggle with challenging metaphysical questions, a minor in philosophy leads students to a deeper understanding of themselves, their values, and the society of which they are a part.

With the approval of the Program Director, students may take courses through Hellenic College's cross-registration agreements with Boston College or Regis College in order to focus on a specific area of philosophy.

A minor in Philosophy presents a solid groundwork for a variety of professional fields, such as law, theology, education, literature, and sociology.

### *Program Learning Outcomes:*

Students of the Philosophy program will:

1. Reflect on their individual, social, and religious identities
2. Discuss the concepts of reason, faith, evidence, and certainty with intellectual precision
3. Analyze the claims made in other sciences and disciplines, especially theology
4. Explore personal moral values through philosophical and theological reflection
5. Reflect critically on contemporary problems in politics, religion, and the globalized world

### *Course Requirements*

In order to obtain a minor in Philosophy, students must earn 15 credits in the field of Philosophy. Course selections include the following:

Ancient Greek Philosophy and Early Christianity	3 credits
Existentialism	3 credits
Moral Philosophy and Religion	3 credits
Philosophy from the Renaissance to the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3 credits
Philosophy of Education	3 credits
Philosophy of Happiness	3 credits
Philosophical Search for God & Meaning of Life in Our Time	3 credits
The First and Second Axial Age	3 credits
Literature and Ethics	3 credits

NB: The Core course “From Socrates to Augustine,” is a prerequisite to all of the above courses and does not count towards the 15 credits for the Philosophy minor.