

Peace Studies

Contact Person: Fr. James A. O'Brien, S.J., Ph.D.

The minor in peace studies is an interdisciplinary academic program which offers a vision of human communities dedicated to the pursuit of justice and peace in their ongoing activities.

In a post-9/11 world intent on power tactics and military solutions, Wheeling Jesuit purposes a careful search for right relationships in political, economic, professional and everyday life as the true path to human flourishing. Thus this minor is eminently in keeping with the mission of the University to develop persons for life-long learning, leadership and service.

Requirements for the Minor in Peace Studies

The minor in peace studies consists of 18 credits (six three-credit courses, two of which are required and four elective). Required courses are:

PHI/PST 240	Philosophy of Peace and Justice	or
PHI/PST 250	Philosophy of Jesuit Education	
PST 486	Senior Seminar in Peace Studies	

As for electives, a full listing of such courses is available from the director of the program. A list of courses for a given semester will be published at the time of preregistration. A course is included after the request, or with the permission of its instructor and the approval of the faculty who volunteer to serve the program.

Questions about the minor should be directed to Fr. James A. O'Brien, S.J., the current contact person for the program.

Philosophy

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The Jesuit tradition of education always has championed the importance of philosophy, both for training the mind and for cultivating a love of truth and an integrity in its pursuit. Philosophy invites a student into dialogue with the significant truth-seekers of past and present. Thus it hopes to develop within the student a respect for great ideas and great minds, and a life-long commitment to the search for truth, wisdom and justice.

Philosophy

Requirements for Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy

In addition to completing the core curriculum requirements, outlined on pp. 14-15 of this catalog, philosophy majors must complete 30 credits in philosophy, which includes PHI 305: Ethics. The three courses in metaphysics (PHI 307, 308 and 309) are recommended, though not required, for philosophy majors.

Special Note on Major Requirements

As graduation requirements, philosophy majors must pass in their senior year a comprehensive one-hour oral examination and write and deliver a qualifying paper. The oral examination will concern a list of thematic questions provided by the philosophy faculty. The qualifying paper can be the result of an upper level (300+) philosophy course, or independently prepared by the student on another subject of interest. For information about guidelines for and scheduling of the oral examination and qualifying paper, a student should consult the department.

Political & Economic Philosophy

Coordinator: Thomas A. Michaud, Ph.D.

A trans-disciplinary major that integrates the knowledge gained by the study of economics, political science and philosophy. Students will be encouraged and guided in an exploration of each of these disciplines to understand how their connections affect ethics, law and public policy. This major is especially well-suited for pre-law students.

Requirements for Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political & Economic Philosophy

University Core-Fulfilling

PHI 105	Logic and Knowledge
PHI 205	Philosophy of the Human Person
PHI 305	Ethics
POS 110	American Political Process

PEP (Political & Economic Philosophy) Core-Fulfilling

ECO 110	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECO 221	Principles of Microeconomics

Major Requirements

- (1) The student will take 4 courses from each of the following three areas:

a) philosophy	(12 crs)
b) political science	(12 crs)
c) economics	(12 crs)
- (2) PHI 485 Seminar in Political and Economic Philosophy, interdisciplinary, with faculty from each area participating

	(3 crs)
	(39 crs)