

Hood College

DEPARTMENT OF OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Philosophical reflection is key to the development of critical thinking and analysis. Our program explores questions about what we can know, who we should be, how we should live and what we should value. By studying philosophy, you will gain insight from a variety of contemporary and historical perspectives.

Philosophy courses will help you acquire critical thinking and writing skills, develop your ability to construct and evaluate rational arguments, cultivate your skills in logical reasoning and help you learn to think unconventionally. You will discuss questions of meaning and value, with a focus on social and political justice, particularly with respect to marginalized communities.

Philosophy constitutes an essential part of the education you need to be a thoughtful participant in the workplace and to be a responsible, engaged citizen in your community. Studying philosophy is also among the best ways to prepare for future enrollment in law school.

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Every topic is talked about with respect and understanding—and every opinion is valued. The professors work with you to make sure you are comfortable in the class.

— ELENA DELLA MAE '26
Public Health Major,
Ethics Minor



PROGRAMS

- Ethics Minor
- Philosophy Minor
- Religion Minor

THE PHILOSOPHY MINOR

Philosophy encourages you to challenge your assumptions about reality, meaning and value. You will examine the nature of being and existence, the distinction between knowledge and opinion, the nature of truth, the proper role of government, the development of good character and the determination of right or wrong in the choices we make about how to live.

The philosophy minor emphasizes clarity of thought and expression, logical reasoning, critical thinking and effective writing—valuable skills in any career. Whatever your major, a foundation in philosophy provides a valuable academic framework. You will also have opportunities to participate in unique internships, independent study, tutorials and research.

THE ETHICS MINOR

The ethics minor provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of ethical theory and its practical applications to various contexts and situations. It is a helpful complement to many majors—from law and criminal justice to environmental biology.

The ethics minor also stresses the importance of ethical reflection and attempts to remedy historical and contemporary injustices, such as the troubling persistence of social inequalities and the existence of inequitable distributions of power and resources.

THE RELIGION MINOR

The religion minor provides a framework through which you will study the diverse texts, beliefs, rituals and culture of past and present religions. You will gain a deeper understanding of their personal, political and historical significance, adding context to contemporary religious issues.

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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

CAREERS IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Studying philosophy and religion can prepare you for employment or for graduate-level studies in a wide variety of fields.

- Chaplain
- Counselor
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Minister
- Nonprofit Worker
- Paralegal
- Policymaker
- Teacher
- Therapist

Your future is **WORTH THE WORK.**

