

Minor in Law and Philosophy

The undergraduate minor in Law and Philosophy requires five philosophy courses (15 credit hours). At least 6 hours must be at the 3000 level or above. A GPA of 2.0 or better is required in courses presented for the minor. Prospective minors are encouraged to consult with members of the department for advice in planning an appropriate sequence of courses.

PHIL 2252	Crime and Punishment	3
PHIL 4487	Topics In Philosophy Of Law	3
PHIL 1160	Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 3360	Formal Logic	
Two courses in Philosophy ¹		6
Total Hours		15

¹ PHIL 3000-level or higher courses must be taken in residence in the UMSL Department of Philosophy. In special cases, one of the 3000-level or higher courses may be taken outside of the UMSL Department of Philosophy; the course must (1) have a strong law and philosophy component and (2) have been pre-approved by the Pre-Law advisor.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

This program is in part a response to student interest. Additionally, it will complement the anticipated minor in Paralegal Studies. The two minors could be joined to create a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree with an emphasis on law. Finally, the minor in Law and Philosophy together with the Paralegal minor will make UMSL competitive with the Legal Studies programs at St. Louis Community College and Webster University.