

Hood College

# MINORS IN PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Philosophical reflection is key to the development of critical thinking and analysis. Our programs explore 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, as well as political and social justice, and learn to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations.

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 also provides excellent preparation for work in a variety of careers or graduate studies such as 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.

### 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 stresses the importance of ethical reasoning and reflection about individual and shared moral obligations to improve our personal and professional lives as well as the lives of others, social and political institutions, our planet and the global community that we share.

### THE RELIGION MINOR

The religion minor provides an academic framework to study the diverse texts, beliefs, myths, symbols, rituals and cultural practices of past and present religions from around the world. You will learn about the ways religions influence many aspects of our lives, from our art to our politics, and gain appreciation for the personal, political and historical importance of religious traditions.

#### Visit and Apply

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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, ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Studying philosophy, ethics 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.**

