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RE: New Minor in Phronesis Politics and Ethics
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The Phronesis Politics and Ethics Minor Program

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The Greek word *phronesis* means prudence or practical wisdom, the quality distinctive of good citizens and political leaders. As an interdisciplinary minor housed in the Honors College, the *Phronesis* program focuses on questions and issues that leaders and citizens are likely to confront in a self-governing political society. Drawing on the foundation provided by the year-long interdisciplinary "Human Situation" course required of all Honors freshmen, this minor in Politics and Ethics will explore such core issues as the origins and grounds of political order; the scope and content of justice; the relation between the individual and the community; the place of family and gender; the nature and responsibility of science and technology; the relation between religion and politics; the demands and prospects of a free and self-governing society.

For the Politics and Ethics Minor, a student must complete 19 hours of approved coursework, 15 hours of which must be advanced, including ^{Insert # 1 + 2 from next page}

REQUIRED COURSES

HOURS IN MINOR

- 1. Foundational Courses: ENGL 2361; HON 2101 4
- 2. 3 hours from POLS 3349, 3342, 3343 3
- 3. 3 hours from PHIL 3350, 3351, 3375, 3355, 3358 3
- 4. Two courses from approved list (below) 6
- 5. Capstone: 4000-level seminar 3

TOTAL HOURS IN MINOR

19

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POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

- POLS 3310: Introduction to Political Theory
- POLS 3340: Ancient/Medieval Political Thought
- POLS 3341: Political Thought from Machiavelli and the Renaissance
- POLS 3342: Liberalism and its Critics
- POLS 3343: Democratic Theory
- POLS 3349: American Political Thought
- POLS 4346: Greek Political Thought

PHILOSOPHY COURSES

- PHIL 3304: History of 17th Century Phil.
- PHIL 3305: History of 18th Century Phil.
- PHIL 3350: Ethics
- PHIL 3351: Contemporary Moral Issues
- PHIL 3355: Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3356: Feminist Philosophy
- PHIL 3358: Classics in the History of Ethics
- PHIL 3375: Law, Society, and Morality
- PHIL 3383: History of Ancient Philosophy

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PHIL 3386: History of 19th Century Phil.

PHIL 3387: History of American Phil.

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~~CLASSICS COURSES~~

CLAS 3341: Roman Republic

1. All courses must be Honors sections or approved by program advisor. Non-Honors students may participate in the Minor with the approval of the program director.

The 4000-level course must be an approved seminar with a substantial writing component (such as POLS 4344, 4346, 4394; PHIL 4396, 4397).

2. At least nine advanced hours must be taken in residence. An average GPA of 3.0 on all courses in the minor is required. No more than six hours of coursework in minor may also count toward major requirements.

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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

The *Phronesis* program has been developed by a committee of faculty (listed below) from Political Science, Philosophy, and Classical Studies, and has the support of both CLASS and HONORS.

Of the courses in Political Science and Philosophy that are listed, one or more of these courses are taught every semester. The Classics course is taught at least every other year. Interested faculty will be encouraged to add or develop new courses as the program matures.

The program will be housed in and administered by the Honors College and has the Honors gateway course as a prerequisite, but we have established a route by which interested and eligible non-Honors students can participate in the Minor.

FACULTY COMMITTEE

Political Science

Jeremy Bailey, Assistant Professor
Susan Collins, Associate Professor
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