

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Mower, Senate Chair
FROM: Havidán Rodríguez, President
DATE: April 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Senate Bill Approval

I am pleased to approve the following Senate Bill, which was recommended following approval by the University Senate at its meeting of April 15, 2019:

Senate Bill 1819-18: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MINOR IN LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

Approved: _____



Havidán Rodríguez, President

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council
University Policy and Planning Council

Date: April 15, 2019

Proposal to Establish a Minor in Law and Philosophy

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the University Senate approves the attached program proposal as submitted by the Department of Philosophy and approved by UAC and UPPC
2. That this takes effect for the Fall 2019 semester
3. That this proposal be forwarded to President Havidán Rodríguez for approval.

University at Albany – State University of New York			
College of Arts and Sciences		Course and Program Action Form	
		Proposal No. <u>18-053</u>	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Course Proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Proposal			
Please mark all that apply:			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course	Revision of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Listing		<input type="checkbox"/> Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared-Resources Course		<input type="checkbox"/> Credits	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Proposal for Minor in "Law and Philosophy"
Department: <u>Philosophy</u>		Effective Semester, Year: <u>Fall 2019</u>	
Course Number	Current: _____	New: _____	Credits: _____
Course Title: _____			
Course Description to appear in Bulletin:			
Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:			
If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check			<input type="checkbox"/>
This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###): _____			
This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###): _____			
Explanation of proposal: (Undergraduate Course/Program proposals: please address the effect on the department's General Education competency plan)			
The attached document outlines a proposal for a minor in "Law and Philosophy" housed in the Department of Philosophy.			
Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering: n/a			
<i>If this proposal is for an interdisciplinary program, please indicate the Department where the major/minor will be</i>			
Chair of Proposing Department (TYPE NAME)		Administrative Manager or Department Secretary (TYPE NAME) Date	
P.D. Magnus		Gregory Roberts 3/1/18	
Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s) [Copy of e-mail approval(s) on following page.] Date		Dean of College Date	
Chair of Academic Programs Committee Date		Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies Date	

Proposed Minor in “Law and Philosophy”

Motivation for the Minor

The study and practice of Law requires a unique combination of argumentative skills and reasoning abilities. Indeed, the American Bar Association's Council of Legal Education and Opportunity recommends that students interested in studying the Law take courses that “teach reasoning and analytical skills.” The discipline of Philosophy has traditionally played a role in the development of such skills and abilities in students, and the Department of Philosophy at the University at Albany has special expertise in the following relevant areas: Reasoning and Argumentation, Philosophy of Law, Ethical Theory, and Political Philosophy.

Description of the Minor

The minor in “Law and Philosophy” requires 18 total credits. It will provide students with intensive training in reasoning and argumentation and allow students to examine many of the current moral, political, and legal issues that are of interest to lawyers, judges, and legal scholars, as well as to professions in criminal justice, security and preparedness, government, and social work, while understanding the philosophical background to these issues. Students will investigate questions such as: What is the relation between law and morality? How do changes in technology contribute to changes in the law (e.g., regarding medicine or environmental issues)? Does the law help or hurt oppressed groups in society? What makes something a human right, and how should respect for human rights be instantiated in the law? What is the basis of international law and can international law contribute to peace? Examination of the broader relations between legal institutions and historical and contemporary societies will be of interest to many students regardless of whether they intend to enter the legal profession.

In the classroom, students will learn to engage in reasoned debate about complex problems, to argue for or against certain propositions, to defend views against objections, and to subject their own biases to careful scrutiny. Special emphasis is placed on reading arguments carefully, analyzing their structures and assumptions, and writing logically, clearly, and precisely.

Note: 9 or more credits must be in coursework at or above the 300 level

Required Courses in the Department of Philosophy (12 credits)

- 3 credits from either APhi 112 Critical Thinking *or* APhi 210 Introduction to Logic
- 3 credits from APhi 212 Introduction to Ethics *or* APhi 220 History of Social and Political Philosophy *or* APhi 326 Moral Philosophy
- 3 credits from APhi 325 Philosophy of Law
- 3 credits from a 300-level or 400-level course in Philosophy

Elective Courses (6 credits)

Department of Philosophy

- APhi 114 Morals and Society *or* APhi 115 Moral Dilemmas
- APhi 338 Moral Problems in Medicine
- APhi 350 Philosophy and Feminism
- APhi 355 Global Justice

- A PHI 417 Bioethics
- A PHI 474 Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy

Africana Studies

- A AFS 400 The Law and African-America

School of Business:

- BLAW 220 Business Law
- BLAW 200 Legal Environment of Business

School of Criminal Justice

- RCRJ 202 Introduction to Law and Criminal Justice
- RCRJ 302 Punishment and Corrections
- RCRJ 353 American Criminal Courts
- RCRJ 401 Crime Deviation and Conformity
- RCRJ 424 Introduction to Substantive Criminal Law

Journalism

- A JRL 225 (= A DOC 225) Media Law and Ethics

Rockefeller College

- RPOS 326 Introduction to Public Law
- RPOS 328 Law and Policy

Permission from Africana Studies

Dear P.D. ,

Sorry for getting back to you late. That would be fine. Once it is approved, I would like for our students to know about it. Thanks and take care.

Oscar

From: P.D. Magnus,Ä@
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:45 AM
,Ä@To: Williams, Oscar R <owilliams@albany.edu>
,Ä@Subject: course question

Oscar,

We're thinking of putting together a proposal for a Law and Philosophy minor as a special-interest version of the Philosophy minor. Most of the courses that students take for the minor would be Philosophy courses in areas of critical thinking, political philosophy, and philosophy of law, but we're also thinking that students would have the option of counting one or two law-related courses from other departments.

Our current draft would allow students to count A AFS 400 The Law and African-America as an elective toward the Law and Philosophy minor.

I just wanted to check whether this would be OK. Note that this is not a proposal for an interdisciplinary minor, so there would not be any extra responsibility or commitment on your side.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

thanks,
P.D. Magnus
Professor and Chair
Department of Philosophy

Permission from Business

Dear P. D.:

I was not able to reach the adviser in the School of Business Student Services Office as I had hoped Thursday.... He was in New York City. I will be glad to outline my understanding of the various BLAW courses for you, and if any related questions come up, I will try to reach out once again to the SOB adviser.

I will gladly share my views with you about which of the BLAW courses might be helpful to your intended Law and Philosophy minors and which ones would likely be problem some and why.

The BLAW 220 course might be the most beneficial to your intended Law and Philosophy minors because it is one of the most popular first semester Freshman year courses. Because many of those who would consider a Law and Philosophy minor would have taken that course in their Freshman year, it could give them a head start toward completing the required number of credits for your minor. Even when the Direct Admit class of the School of Business is set aside, there are 800+ student who take BLAW 220 each Fall semester (4 classes of 200+ students). An additional 600+ students usually take that course each Spring semester (3 classes of 200+ students). In each of those 208 seat Lecture Center classes, a very limited numbers of seats are made available to transfer students and/or upper classmen, maybe 30 or so. That limitation would be problem some for any of your intended minors if they did not take that course as a Freshman.

The BLAW 200 Legal Environment of Business course is taught only by me and only in the Spring semester each year. It is taught in a 66 seat classroom in the new Business Building. It is an outright elective and has no pre-requisites. I teach about the legal issues behind the headlines of current events. I get students ranging from second semester Freshman to Seniors who are about to graduate. Most of them are repeat customers who have taken my BLAW 220 or BLAW 321 classes, or sometimes both. That subject matter might fit nicely with your Law and Philosophy theme.

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All of that is likely more than you would like to know about our BLAW offerings, but welcome to my world anyway. I thoroughly enjoy

it. I hope you will find some constructive info in my ramblings.
Please keep me posted down the road as your plans develop.

Joe Sheehan

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Permission from Criminal Justice

Good afternoon, P.D.

The courses below should be fine. The only one that we will not be offering anytime soon is CRJ 408. Some other courses that you could consider are CRJ 353 and CRJ 424.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Stacey Zyskowski
School of Criminal Justice

From: Pridemore, William A
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:13 AM
To: P.D. Magnus <pmagnus@fecundity.com>
Cc: Zyskowski, Stacey J <szyskowski@albany.edu>; Fox, Michele <mfox@albany.edu>
Subject: RE: course question

Hi PD,

Thanks for checking in with us, I appreciate it. I am forwarding your email to Stacey Zyskowski, who is our Student Services Coordinator. She will be able to provide you information on these courses (and others), including how often they are taught etc.

Thanks again, and good luck moving forward on this minor. It sounds great.

Cheers,
Bill

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From: P.D. Magnus
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Pridemore, William A
Subject: course question

Professor Pridemore,

Several of my colleagues are interested in putting together a proposal for a Law and Philosophy minor as a special-interest version of the Philosophy minor. Most of the courses that students take for the minor would be Philosophy courses in areas of critical thinking, political philosophy, and philosophy of law. We are thinking that students would have the option of counting one or two law-related courses from other departments. Looking at Criminal Justice offerings, we thought the following courses might be ones to include:

RCRJ 202 Introduction to Law and Criminal Justice (4)
RCRJ 302 Punishment and Corrections (3)
RCRJ 401 Crime Deviation and Conformity (3)
RCRJ 408 Ideology and Crime (3)

I just wanted to check: Are there any of these we should leave out because they are not offered regularly? Are any other courses that might be better candidates?
Note that this is not a proposal for an interdisciplinary minor, so there would not be any extra responsibility or commitment on your side.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

thanks,
P.D. Magnus
Professor and Chair
Department of Philosophy

Permission from Journalism (JRL 225)/Documentary Studies (DOC 225)

JRL 225

Hello, P.D.,
My apology for not getting back to you sooner. Yes, we think it will be fine to have our A JRL 225 be part of this minor. (Any idea, ballpark, of how many students we need to save spaces for each semester? This would help our planning.)

Best,
Nancy
Nancy L. Roberts
Director and Professor, Journalism Program
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University at Albany, State University of New York
Office: #341 Social Science Bldg.

DOC 225

From: Zahavi, Gerald
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 3:33 PM
To: Gersowitz, Kathleen H <kgersowitz@albany.edu>; Nold, Patrick <pnold@albany.edu>
Cc: Endres, Cindy <cendres@albany.edu>; Andrea, Irene M <iandrea@albany.edu>
Subject: Re: JRL/DOC255
Yes – I approve with the stipulation that DOC 225 seats would be available “only to Doc studies majors or intended majors and minor.”
Gerry

From: "Gersowitz, Kathleen H" <kgersowitz@albany.edu>
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 1:58 PM
To: "Zahavi, Gerald" <gzahavi@albany.edu>, "Nold, Patrick" <pnold@albany.edu>
Cc: "Endres, Cindy" <cendres@albany.edu>, "Andrea, Irene M" <iandrea@albany.edu>
Subject: RE: JRL/DOC255

Thank you, Gerry. Would you please confirm your approval to go forward with the PHI proposal that includes JRL/DOC 225 as an elective?
Irene, can you please be sure to hold the seats in the DOC section as noted below.
Thank you all.
Best,
Kathy

From: Zahavi, Gerald
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Gersowitz, Kathleen H <kgersowitz@albany.edu>; Nold, Patrick <pnold@albany.edu>
Cc: Endres, Cindy <cendres@albany.edu>; Andrea, Irene M <iandrea@albany.edu>
Subject: Re: JRL/DOC255

Kathy,
Yes – that would do the trick.
Gerry

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From: "Gersowitz, Kathleen H" <kgersowitz@albany.edu>
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 9:02 AM
To: "Zahavi, Gerald" <gzahavi@albany.edu>, "Nold, Patrick" <pnold@albany.edu>
Cc: "Endres, Cindy" <cendres@albany.edu>, "Andrea, Irene M" <iandrea@albany.edu>
Subject: FW: JRL/DOC255

Dear Gerry and Patrick,
Who can register for the DOC 225 seats? Could we make these seats available only to Doc studies majors or intended majors and minors? Might this be a way around this?

Best,
Kathy

From: Nold, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Endres, Cindy <cendres@albany.edu>
Cc: Andrea, Irene M <iandrea@albany.edu>
Subject: JRL/DOC255

Dear Cindy,
I asked the Director of Documentary Studies about the proposal and below was his response. Perhaps, when you have a moment, you could address his concerns either through me or directly to him.
Many thanks and best wishes,
Patrick

Patrick –

The problem I see is possible competition for seats. As a program, DOC. STUDIES had to negotiate with Journalism to reserve those 5 seats for our students (the seats were reserved for Journalism's own minors and majors). IF DOC 225 is listed as an elective for the new Law and Philosophy minor, would that mean that THOSE new minor students would have access to our 5 seats and possibly lock some of our students out? I think we should have the new minor negotiate directly with the home department – Journalism – for their own reserved seats and NOT have them use DOC 225 to satisfy their needs. They already have Journalism's approval, so this shouldn't be a problem for them.

If I am not understanding correctly the possible impact on our program, I would be happy to be enlightened by Cindy or anyone else. I am simply expressing my concern.

Gerry

Permission from Rockefeller College

Hi P.D. ,

I have an answer.

Yes, it is ok for you to list both RPOS 326 and RPOS 328 in your proposal.

I got the "green light" from both our interim chair (Patti Strach) and our outgoing assistant dean for undergraduate studies (Anne Hildreth).

Hope this helps, and thank you also for supporting our ability to recommend your courses.

Please let me know if you need anything else or would like to talk more about this.

Best,
Matt

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When submitting a program proposal please submit this form to indicate the resource implications of the proposal.

Proposal Title: Proposal for Minor in Law and Philosophy

College or School: Arts and Sciences **Department:** Philosophy

Program Director or Sponsor: P.D. Magnus **Email:** pmagnus@albany.edu

Action Category: Program Proposal Does this proposal include any space resource implications? Approx. sq. ft. needed: _____ Yes
 Other (describe) No

Action Type: New Does the Office of Financial Aid identify this as a **Gainful Employment Program (GEP)**? Yes
 Revision No
 Deactivation
 Other (describe)

Brief Description of Proposal: *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

The Department of Philosophy proposes a new minor in "Law and Philosophy" to be housed in the Department of Philosophy. The study and practice of Law requires a unique combination of argumentative skills and reasoning abilities. Indeed, the American Bar Association's Council of Legal Education and Opportunity recommends that students interested in studying the Law take courses that "teach reasoning and analytical skills." The discipline of Philosophy has traditionally played a role in the development of such skills and abilities in students, and the Department of Philosophy at the University at Albany has special expertise in the following relevant areas: Reasoning and Argumentation, Philosophy of Law, Ethical Theory, and Political Philosophy.



Is there an impact on other service units? Please attach documentation that you have consulted with each unit listed below:

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ITS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific Core Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other services (i.e., parking, facilities, security), please list:

Is there an impact on other academic programs? Please list all academic departments consulted regarding impact and attach documentation.

No impact.

Faculty and Staff *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

(a) Describe new faculty hiring needed during the next 3 years

(b) Explain how program will be administered for the purposes of admissions, advising, course offerings, etc. Discuss the available support staff.

a) There will be no additional hiring needed for this program. It will be staffed by existing faculty.

b) An existing faculty member of the Department of Philosophy will be assigned as the advisor to the Minor in Law and Philosophy. Present faculty will teach coursework in Philosophy of Law on a regular basis.

Program Expenses

List all resources that will be engaged specifically as a result of the proposed program (e.g., a new faculty position or additional library resources). If they represent a continuing cost, new resources for a given year should be included in the subsequent year(s), with adjustments for inflation or negotiated compensation.

Program Expense Categories	Expenses (in dollars)					
	Prior to implementation	Academic Year 1:	Academic Year 2:	Academic Year 3:	Academic Year 4:	Academic Year 5:
<i>(a) Personnel (including faculty and all others)</i>	\$ 0.00					
<i>(b) Library</i>						
<i>(c) Equipment</i>						
<i>(d) Laboratories</i>						
<i>(e) Supplies</i>						
<i>(f) Capital Expenses</i>						
<i>(g) Student stipends or scholarships</i>						
<i>(h) Other (specify):</i>						
Sum of Rows Above	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Explanatory Notes (add additional pages as needed):



APPROVALS

Department Chair	P.D. Magnus	25feb2018
	Department Chair	Date

Dean		
	Dean	Date

UPPC Chair		
	UPPC Chair	Date

- It is the sponsoring department’s responsibility to request and attach all required documentation and to obtain all required signatures (with the exception of the chair of UPPC’s) **before** presenting the documentation.
- Completed forms should be sent to the **Office of Undergraduate Education**, the **Office of Graduate Education**, or **both** as appropriate.
- When the Chair of UPPC has received the proposal from the appropriate office(s), s/he will notify you that it has been placed on the UPPC agenda and invite you to attend the meeting.