

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 17 (PHIL): **Revise the requirements for the major and minor in Philosophy**

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 252, the entry under **Major in Philosophy:**

- I. Required courses in the major—40 hours: PHIL 101, 200, 230, 499; 12 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 313, 315, 317; 4 hours from 303, 304, 305, 307, 310; 4 hours from 302, 320, 365.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in PHIL 499 by demonstration of basic logic skills and knowledge of the history of philosophy. Oral competency is demonstrated in PHIL 499.

Add: On page 252, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—40 hours: PHIL 101, 200, 230, 497, 498; 12 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 217, 313, 315, 317; 4 hours from 303, 304, 305, 307, 310; 4 hours from 302, 320, 321, 323, 365.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in PHIL 497 and 498 by demonstration of basic logic skills and knowledge of the history of philosophy. Oral competency is demonstrated in PHIL 498.

2. Delete: On page 252, under **Minor in Philosophy:**

20 hours in Philosophy: 4 hours from PHIL 100, 101, 200, 230; 8 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 313, 315, 317; 4 additional hours at the 300 level or higher.

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20 hours in Philosophy: 4 hours from PHIL 100, 101, 200, 230; 8 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 217, 313, 315, 317; 4 additional hours at the 300 level or higher.

Impact: These change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings. If at all, this change will have a positive impact in bringing our major requirements and course options on par with that of other solid undergraduate philosophy departments.

Rationale: This change allows our majors more time—2 semesters instead of 1—to complete the process of writing their Senior theses. It thus gives them a better opportunity to demonstrate their major and oral competencies.