

APR Summary for UGC

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Program: Philosophy

Majors, Minors, and Certificates Offered:

PHIL Major, 36 credits

PHIL Minor, 18 credits

Five New Upper-Level Certificates

History of Philosophy

Philosophy, Law, and Politics

Philosophy of Mind and Psychology

Philosophy, Logic, and Science

Philosophy, Ethics, and Value

Do any of the items noted in the APR warrant follow-up by the UGC?

Over the last seven years, the Philosophy Department has rebuilt and substantially revised its academic programs. It has added 20 new courses to its curriculum and has created an Upper Division Certificate Program with five certificates (listed above). Going forward, the UGC should anticipate a number of additional course and program approval requests from the Philosophy Department. Most significantly, the Department plans to spearhead the creation of an interdisciplinary Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Certificates.

Do any of the items noted in the APR warrant follow-up by the Faculty Senate?

-----*Please include information in this section if it is provided in the APR*-----

Demographic data

Number of majors: 66 (Fall 2020)

Number of minors: 40 (Fall 2020) / certificate students (Certificate programs were launched in Spring 2019.)

Number of faculty: Six tenured/ tenure track faculty members (four associate professors and two assistant professors) and two full-time Lecturers.

At the time of the Philosophy Department's previous APR (2013), the Department had been reduced to three full-time faculty members, two tenured associate professors and one Lecturer. Since its last APR, the Philosophy Department has hired four tenure-track

professors, two of whom are now associate professors. In addition, the Department has converted two long-time adjuncts into Lecturers.

Are there additional faculty or staff who play a role in advising?

The tenured and tenure-track faculty are responsible for all student advising in the Philosophy Department.

Does the department serve a significant number of non-majors?

By offering courses that meet some of their requirements, the Philosophy Department provides significant service to a number of other departments and programs. These include: Financial Economics; Ancient Studies; Public Health; Gender, Women's, +Sexuality Studies; CMMS's BUILD Program; Mechanical Engineering; Linguistics; Asian Studies; Psychology; Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor; Judaic Studies minor; Human Context of Science and Technology.

All lower level Philosophy courses carry Arts/Humanities GEP designation and the Department reports that these courses almost always fill to capacity. The Department regularly applies for and receives enrollment pressure support for additional sections to meet student demand.