

Liberty Studies Minor

The Liberty Studies minor is a course of study focusing on the foundations, meanings, and implications of what it is to be free. It poses the fundamental question of "What can I do with my life?" It questions the power of institutions and the legitimacy of the constraints they impose. It explores freedom and liberty from multiple perspectives, including minorities and women in our own culture, and indigenous people of other times and places. Liberty Studies examines the costs and benefits of free human interaction, the need of naturally social animals to be left alone, and ultimately wrestles with the questions of what freedom and liberty are and should be.

The Liberty Studies minor approaches the study of liberty in relation to three subject areas commonly addressed in the literature: economic activity, government, and cultural influences. The study of these three areas is integrated both in how individual courses relate to each other individually and are tied together by the required courses. This minor can be taken on campus or online.

Requirements of the Minor

Students must take LIS 211 and either PHI 341 or PHI 441. Then students must take one course in each of the following three categories:

*Liberty and Commerce

*Liberty and Authority

*Liberty and Culture

Required Courses

LIS 211	Liberty Studies	3
PHI 341	Ethics	3
	or PHI 441	Moral Theory

Select one course from each of the three categories listed below:10-11

Liberty and Commerce

LIS 319	Philosophy of Business
LIS 417	Free Market Philosophies
PHI 447	Rationality and Moral Choice

Liberty and Authority

AAS 433	ECCE: Civil Rights Movement of the Twentieth Century
HIS 445	Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution
LIS 411	Liberty Struggles
PHI 485	Social Philosophy

Liberty and Culture

LIS 315	Individualism and Self-Reliance in America
PHI 425	History of Modern Philosophy
SOA 222	American Society

Total Hours **16-17**