

Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Minor in Critical AI

Overview: The Minor in Critical AI is a new, interdisciplinary minor housed in the department of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. This 15-credit minor is available to all students. It is distinct from and complementary to existing offerings in Artificial Intelligence (B.S., minor, M.A.S.) and is anchored in social and humanistic inquiry rather than technical skill. This minor can serve students in both technical and non-technical disciplines, inviting them to consider AI both as a technological tool and as an area of historical and ethical consideration.

Learning outcomes:

1. Student can describe how one or more AI technologies work. [AI1]
2. Student can apply ethical frameworks to the use of AI. [AI2]
3. Student can prompt generative AI to produce useful outputs. [AI3]
4. Student can evaluate the relevance, accuracy, and usefulness of AI output. [AI4]
5. Student can identify potential harms, risks (personal, professional, societal) of AI. [AI5]
6. Student can place AI tools in their historical, cultural, and technological context. [AI6]

Requirements (15 credits)

Core courses (6 credits)

COM 235 Ethics of Technology and Communication	AI1; AI2; AI3; AI4; AI5; AI6
PHIL 381 Ethics and AI	AI1; AI2; AI5; AI6

Electives (any three – 9 credits)

PHIL 285 Responsible AI	AI1; AI2; AI5; AI6
HIST 371 History of AI from Touring to the Present	AI1; AI2; AI5; AI6
SSCI 345 AI and Public Policy	AI1; AI5; AI6
SSCI 385: Media, Law, and Politics	AI1; AI2; AI3; AI4; AI5; AI6
PS 332 Politics of Science & Technology	AI1; AI5; AI6
SOC 362 Technology and Social Change	AI1; AI5; AI6
SSCI 378 Innovation Policy	AI1; AI5; AI6