

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Requirements (57 units)

Total units required for graduation: 180

Requirements for the B.A. in Philosophy (Program Code: PHIL)

Upper-division requirements (57 units)

History of Philosophy (12)

PHIL 311	Ancient Philosophy	4
PHIL 313	History of Modern Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality	4
PHIL 314	History of Modern Philosophy: Ethics and Politics	4

Logic (4)

PHIL 300	Predicate Logic	4
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Metaphysics/Language (4)

PHIL 380	Metaphysics	4
or PHIL 387	Philosophy of Language	

Knowledge/Science (4)

PHIL 385	Theory of Knowledge	4
or PHIL 386	Philosophy of Science	

Value Theory (4)

Four units chosen from:		4
PHIL 350	Ethics	
PHIL 361A	Social and Political Philosophy: Classical Political Theories	
PHIL 361B	Social and Political Philosophy: Themes in Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 363	Jurisprudence	

Advanced Issues (4)

Four units chosen from:		4
PHIL 400	Advanced Issues in Logic	
PHIL 410	Advanced Issues in History of Philosophy	
PHIL 460	Advanced Issues in Value Theory	
PHIL 472	Advanced Issues in Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 485	Advanced Issues in Metaphysics and Knowledge	

Senior Project (25)

PHIL 516	Senior Project	1
Twenty-four units chosen from philosophy courses with at most eight units at the 100- or 200-level; PHIL 200 must be included among these courses unless it is taken to satisfy the GE Critical Thinking (A4) requirement.		24

Total Units 57

No 100- or 200-level course used to satisfy a General Education requirement will be included among courses which count toward the major. No course counts in more than one category of the major; however, for courses such as courses in Advanced Issues which can be

repeated with different topics, the different topics may apply in different categories.

Critical Thinking: Majors need not satisfy the GE Critical Thinking Requirement with PHIL 200; but students who fulfill the requirement with PHIL 200 thereby satisfy the prerequisite for PHIL 300.

Course Offerings: The Department of Philosophy offers courses required for the major on a regular basis; consult department office or website for the current schedule.

Electives: A major or minor in philosophy is an exceptionally flexible tool. All students should consult with an advisor in planning their course of study.

Graduate Study in Philosophy: Students planning to apply for graduate programs in philosophy should complete at least eight additional units of upper-division philosophy, and emphasize in electives additional courses from the core areas 1 through 6 above. Students may also need to pursue proficiency in one foreign language especially French, German, Latin, or Greek.

Medical/Helping Professions: Students who will pursue careers in medical and helping professions are encouraged to include among their electives at least three courses from among

PHIL 191	Introduction to Ethics	4
PHIL 350	Ethics	4
PHIL 353	Topics in Applied Ethics	4
PHIL 355	Contemporary Ethical Issues	4
PHIL 460	Advanced Issues in Value Theory	4

Business or Economics: Students who will pursue careers in business or economics are encouraged to include among their electives at least three courses from among

PHIL 191	Introduction to Ethics	4
PHIL 350	Ethics	4
PHIL 359	Philosophy and Economics	4
PHIL 460	Advanced Issues in Value Theory	4

Cognitive Science/Artificial Intelligence: Majors who will pursue careers in these and related fields are encouraged to include among their electives at least three courses from among

PHIL 300	Predicate Logic	4
PHIL 384A	Philosophy of Mind	4
PHIL 384B	Philosophy of Mind	4
PHIL 400	Advanced Issues in Logic	4
PHIL 485	Advanced Issues in Metaphysics and Knowledge	4

Law and Politics: A major in philosophy is excellent preparation for law school because of its emphasis on analytical reasoning and writing. Students interested in careers in law or politics are advised to include among their electives at least three courses from

PHIL 350	Ethics	4
PHIL 351	Topics in Moral and Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 359	Philosophy and Economics	4
PHIL 361A	Social and Political Philosophy: Classical Political Theories	4

PHIL 361B	Social and Political Philosophy: Themes in Social and Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Law	4
PHIL 460	Advanced Issues in Value Theory	4

Religious Studies: A major in philosophy is excellent preparation for graduate study in theology. Students interested in careers in theology are advised to include among their electives at least three courses from

PHIL 192	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL 312	Medieval Philosophy	4
PHIL 372	Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL 375	Non-Western Philosophy	4
PHIL 472	Advanced Issues in Philosophy of Religion	4