

MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Requirements

The Philosophy major requires completion of 36 units.

Code	Title	Units
Section A: Required Courses		
PHIL 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	3
PHIL 111	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	3
Section B: Required Courses		
Select three of the following:		9
PHIL 221	ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 312	PLATO AND HIS PREDECESSORS	
PHIL 313	ARISTOTLE AND HIS SUCCESSORS	
PHIL 325	TWENTIETH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 328	EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 329	LATE MODERN PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 333	ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY	
Section C: Required Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 301	PHILOSOPHIES OF INDIA	
PHIL 302	PHILOSOPHIES OF CHINA & JAPAN	
PHIL 327	AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY	
Section D: Required Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
PHIL 201	SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 204	RACE, CLASS AND GENDER	
PHIL 205	MASTERS OF SUSPICION: MARX, NIETZSCHE, FREUD	
PHIL 255	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	
PHIL 260	PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX	
PHIL 332	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 340	PLATO'S ETHICS	
PHIL 341	ETHICS	
PHIL 342	WHAT MAKES US MORAL	
PHIL 361	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	
Section E: Required Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
PHIL 309	NIETZSCHE	
PHIL 315	MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS	
PHIL 320	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE	
PHIL 321	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	
PHIL 326	AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 330	PHILOSOPHY AND FILM	
PHIL 339	THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE	
PHIL 343	AESTHETICS	
PHIL 380	PHILOSOPHICAL TOPICS	
Section F: Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
PHIL 417	EXISTENTIALISM	
PHIL 427	KANT	

PHIL 440	PHILOSOPHICAL SYSTEMS	
PHIL 460	WRITNG SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES	
PHIL 470	PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS	
PHIL 495	RESEARCH TUTORIAL IN PHILOSOPHY	
Total Units		36

Departmental Honors Program

The Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies offers a departmental honors program for students who demonstrate exemplary abilities in philosophy. Students pursuing this option are required to complete PHIL 498 with a minimum grade of A-. Completion of PHIL 498 requires students to produce and defend a 15-20 page paper presenting substantial research in philosophy.

Applicants for departmental honors must have earned 75 units with a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA, including 18 units in Philosophy courses. In addition, applicants must find a faculty adviser to guide the thesis research and evaluate the final paper and thesis defense. Departmental honors will be posted to the transcript shortly after the bachelor's degree is conferred.

To apply for departmental honors, students must complete an application with the department. Students who wish to take PHIL 498 in the Fall term should apply during the previous spring by March 1st. Students who wish to take PHIL 498 in the Spring term should apply during the previous Fall by Oct. 1st.

Code	Title	Units
Required Coursework for Departmental Honors In Philosophy		
PHIL 498	HONORS THESIS RESEARCH ¹	3

¹ PHIL 498 does not count towards the Philosophy major requirements. Students pursuing departmental honors will be required to take 39 units rather than 36.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Suggested Four-Year Plan

Based on course availability and student needs and preferences, the selected sequences will probably vary from those presented below. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices.

Freshman		
Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
PHIL 101	3 PHIL 111 (Section A) (Core 5)	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Core 3	3 Core 8	4
Core 6	3 Core 10	3
Core 7	4 Core 11	3
16		16
Sophomore		
Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
One course from Section B	3 One course from Section B	3
One course from Section B	3 One course from Section C	3
Core 9	3 Core 13	3

Core 12	3 Core 14	3
Core or Elective	3 Elective	3
15		15

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
One course from Section D	3 One course from Section D	3
One course from Section F	3 One course from Section E	3
Core or Elective	3 Core or Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
15		15

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
One course from Section E	3 Core 4	3
One course from Section F	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
15		13

Total Units 120

Learning Outcomes

- a. Philosophically explain and discuss theories and concepts of the major thinkers of schools in Western philosophy.
- b. Philosophically explain and discuss culturally diverse philosophical traditions.
- c. Engage in a philosophical discussion of social and/or political and/or moral issues.
- d. Think philosophically, i.e., to analyze, articulate, synthesize, and/or creatively develop arguments, concepts and theories.
- e. Practice inductive and deductive reasoning, the composition of argument and demonstration, and the detection of formal and informal fallacies.