

Philosophy Major

Fifteen courses (42-45 semester hours) are needed to complete the major. Six required courses constitute 21 semester hours; students will also take at least five philosophy electives (12-15 semester hours) and three additional electives from supporting fields, chosen in consultation with their advisor (9 semester hours). At least six courses (18 semester hours) must be taken at the 300-level or above.

Requirements:

All of the following (24 sem. hrs.):

- PHIL 100 Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 114 Logic and Critical Thinking (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 230 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 235 Modern and Post-Modern Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 240 Ethics (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 325 Belief and Knowledge (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 331 Mind (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 402 Research and Thesis in Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)

Meaning, Aesthetics, Religion: One of the following (3 sem. hrs.):

- PHIL 245 Meaning (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 329 Aesthetics (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 300 Philosophy of Religion (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 255 Islamic Civilization and Culture (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 269 History, Myth and Religion (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 320 Meaning and Place (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 330 Native Americans and the Environment (3 sem. hrs.)

Modernity and Post-Modernity: One of the following (3 sem. hrs.):

- ARTH 270 A Survey of Modern Art (3 sem. hrs.)
- ENGL 380 Critical Theory (3 sem. hrs.)
- HIST 228 The Bourgeois Century, 1815-1914 (3 sem. hrs.)
- HIST 330 The Enlightenment and the French Revolution (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 321 Faith and Post-Modern Culture (3 sem. hrs.)
- RELG 375 Body and Soul: From Antiquity to Post-Modernity (3 sem. hrs.) S
- SOC 363 Introduction to Sociological Theory (3 sem. hrs.)

Mind: One of the following (3 sem. hrs.):

- PSY 224 Social Psychology (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 275 Positive Psychology (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 338 Psychotherapy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 340 Psycholinguistics (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 347 Cognitive Psychology (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 349 Cognition and Culture (3 sem. hrs.)

Body, Gender, Power: One of the following (3 sem. hrs.):

- ANTH 222 Anthropology, Religion and Colonialism (3 sem. hrs.)
- ANTH 359 The Pacific and Cultural Survival (3 sem. hrs.)
- ENGL 305 Gender, Power, Literature, Film (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 310 Ethics, Law, and Social Policy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 342 Sexual and Reproductive Ethics (3 sem. hrs.)
- SOC 235 "Deviance" and Society (3 sem. hrs.)
- SOC 277 Social Inequality: Class and Ethnicity (3 sem. hrs.)
- SOC 315 Men and Masculinities (3 sem. hrs.)
- WGS 245 Body Politics (3 sem. hrs.)
- WGS 301 Feminist Theory (3 sem. hrs.)
- WGS 310 Feminist Methodologies: Intersectionalities (3 sem. hrs.)

Two-three additional courses from any of the courses listed above (6-9 sem. hrs.) or

- PHIL 395 Tutorial in Philosophy and/or
- PHIL 399 Independent Study in Philosophy



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Name: _____

Advisor: _____

Graduation Year: _____

What can I do with this major?

See below for examples of what you can do with a Philosophy major after graduation!

Areas of employment

- Education
- Teaching
- Research
- Library Sciences
- Bioethics
- Law
- Social Services
- Government/Politics
- Journalism/Communications

Potential employers

- Colleges/Universities
- Hospitals
- Bioethics Centers
- Research Institutes
- Law Firms
- Environmental Agencies
- Consulting Firms
- Religious Organizations
- Non-profit Organizations

- Philosophy students develop many transferable skills that can be utilized in a variety of careers and jobs, demonstrating the flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable. These skills include analytical, organizational, research, as well as oral and written communication.
- Other skills emphasized in philosophy that are attractive to employers are idea generation, problem formulation and problem solving, diverse data integration, adaptation to change, the ability to elicit hidden assumptions, persuasion, and summarization of complicated material.
- It is important for philosophy students to identify potential career goals and seek out the experiences and education required to enter those fields.
- An undergraduate degree qualifies one for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations, and government.