



Wells College

Name: _____

Advisor: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Philosophy Major

Fifteen courses (45 semester hours) are needed to complete the major. At least five of these courses (15 semester hours) must be taken at or above the 300-level.

Requirements:

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

- PHIL 100 Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 331 Mind (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 402 Research and Thesis in Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)

- PHIL 114 Logic and Critical Thinking
or PHIL 120 Creativity and the Irrational (3 sem. hrs.)

- PHIL 230 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
or PHIL 235 Modern and Postmodern Philosophy (3 sem. hrs.)

- PHIL 240 Ethics
or PHIL 340 Ethics and the Environment (3 sem. hrs.)

- PHIL 300 Philosophy or Religion
or PHIL 325 Belief and Knowledge (3 sem. hrs.)

- PHIL 329 Philosophy of Art
or PHIL 251 Philosophy, Film and Popular Culture (3 sem. hrs.)

ELECTIVES — Seven courses (21 semester hours)

- A) Three of these courses must be Philosophy or Religion courses (designated PHIL or RELG).
- B) Students are encouraged to take courses related to Philosophy in their remaining electives, subject to Philosophy faculty approval.



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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.