

PHILOSOPHY (BA) PROFESSIONAL MAJOR

Program Mission

The mission of the Philosophy Program is to direct students' attention to fundamental but often unnoticed aspects of human experience and to uncover and analyze the hidden presuppositions of their intellectual and emotional commitments. In doing so, it also seeks to integrate the knowledge which the student has acquired in the various disciplines. Secondly, it prepares some students for further study in philosophy at the graduate level.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to write a major paper on a philosophical topic.
2. Graduates will have obtained a broad, overall understanding of philosophy.
3. Graduates will be able to engage philosophically diverse viewpoints.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
PHIL-2010	Logic	3
PHIL-2310	Philosophy of Nature ¹	3
PHIL-2550	Philosophical Psychology	3
PHIL-3250	Ethics	3
PHIL-3730	Metaphysics	3
PHIL-3740	Natural Theology	3
Select one of the following in early philosophy:		3
PHIL-4010	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL-4020	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL-4030	Islamic Philosophy	
Select one of the following in later philosophy:		3
PHIL-4040	Early Modern Philosophy	
PHIL-4050	Modern Continental Philosophy	
PHIL-4060	Modern Anglo-American Philosophy	
PHIL-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
PHIL-4900	Seminar	3
Three other Philosophy courses		9
Strongly Recommended		
The study of Greek or Latin		
Total Hours		36

¹ Philosophy majors and minors may substitute PHIL-1750 Principles of Nature for PHIL-2310 Philosophy of Nature. PHIL-2310 Philosophy of Nature also satisfies the college's core requirement in philosophy.

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Philosophy—Professional Major

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
Foreign Language I		4
Natural World Foundation		4
Person and Community Foundation		3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Hours		18
Second Semester		
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
PHIL-2010	Logic	3
Foreign Language II		4
Faith Foundation		3
Mathematical Reasoning		3-4
Electives		3
Hours		17-18
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
EXSC Fitness Course		1
PHIL-2310	Philosophy of Nature	3
Historical Inquiry		3
Faith Foundation		3
Electives		6
Hours		16
Second Semester		
Natural World Foundation		3-4
Historical Inquiry		3
PHIL-2550	Philosophical Psychology	3
Electives		6
Hours		15-16
Junior Year		
First Semester		
PHIL-3250	Ethics	3
PHIL-3730	Metaphysics	3
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PHIL-3740	Natural Theology	3
Philosophy Elective		3
Aesthetic Experience		3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Senior Year		
First Semester		
Early History of Philosophy: Select 1		3

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PHIL-4010	Ancient Philosophy	
or PHIL-4020	or Medieval Philosophy	
or PHIL-4030	or Islamic Philosophy	
Philosophy Elective		3
Electives		7
Electives (upper-division)		4
Hours		17
Second Semester		
PHIL-4900	Seminar	3
Later History of Philosophy: Select 1		3
PHIL-4040	Early Modern Philosophy	
or PHIL-4050	or Modern Continental Philosophy	
or PHIL-4060	or Modern Anglo-American Philosophy	
PHIL-4920	Senior Thesis	3
Electives (upper-division)		6
PHIL-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Hours		15
Total Hours		128-130