Philosophy

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The Philosophy Department offers a Bachelor of Arts degree. The undergraduate courses address the cultural, critical and religious objectives of a complete education. The study of philosophy is intended to lead an understanding of the foundation of ethics and the application of ethical principles; to the development of critical and reflective thought; and to discussion and application of the grounds from which to examine the meaning of life.

The Philosophy Department offers three concentrations within the Philosophy major: Historical, Health Sciences, and Society and Law.

Historical Concentration

Required Courses: 30 hours

All courses listed are 3 Credit Hours unless otherwise indicated.

Prerequisites:
PHIL 105 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 205 Ethics

One course in a theoretical area (3):

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Required Courses:

PHIL 404 Symbolic Logic
PHIL 440 History of Ancient
PHIL 450 History of Medieval
PHIL 460 History of Modern

Contemporary philosophy
(400-level course content focusing on philosophy since Hegel)

Two Electives (6) (One must be a 400 level)

Senior Inquiry (0-3)
PHIL 488 Senior Inquiry
OR
PHIL 489 Comprehensive Examination (0 hours)

*A single course cannot be used to fill more than one requirement.

Health Sciences Concentration

Required Courses: 30 hours

The value of this concentration is that its systematic courses enable students with appropriate science backgrounds to achieve a degree of integration between science and philosophy that is far greater than could be obtained solely via the more consistently historical orientation of the historical major in Philosophy.
All courses listed are 3 Credit hours unless otherwise indicated.

Prerequisites:
PHIL 105  Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 205  Ethics

Required:
PHIL 440  History of Ancient or
OR
PHIL 450  History of Medieval
PHIL 460  History of Modern
PHIL 404  Symbolic Logic
OR
PHIL 406  Logic for Pre-professionals

One course in a theoretical area (3):
PHIL 320  Philosophy of Being
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PHIL 434  Game Theory and Ethics
PHIL 435  Survey of Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 436  Topics in Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 474  Philosophy of Karl Marx
PHIL 485  Philosophy Anthropology
PHIL 486  Topics in Philosophy of Religion

Two of the following (6):
PHIL 336  Medical Ethics
PHIL 415  Survey of the Philosophy of Science
PHIL 428  Biology and Mind

Two Electives (6) (One must be a 400 level)
Senior Inquiry (0-3)
PHIL 488  Senior Inquiry
OR
PHIL 489  Comprehensive Examination

To fulfill his or her science requirements, a student

must:
* Major or minor in Biology, Chemistry, or Psychology
OR
* Complete the science requirements of Pre-professional Health Studies Students
OR
* Complete a minimum of 16 hours in the sciences with 8 hours at the upper division (300-400) level

(Philosophy majors who choose this option must also consult with faculty outside of the Philosophy Department in order to determine appropriate science courses)

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Society and Law Concentration

Required Courses: 30 hours

The advantage of this concentration is that it prepares a student through careful philosophical study for careers dedicated to law, the welfare of society and public service.

All courses listed are 3 Credit hours unless otherwise indicated.

Prerequisites:
PHIL 105  Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 205  Ethics
PHIL 440  History of Ancient
OR
PHIL 450  History of Medieval

One course in theoretical area (3):
PHIL 320  Philosophy of Being
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PHIL 485 Philosophy Anthropology
PHIL 486 Topics in Philosophy of Religion

PHIL 343 Philosophy of Law (3)

One course in moral/social philosophy (3)

PHIL 336 Medical Ethics
PHIL 338 Business Ethics
PHIL 340 Ethics and Engineering
PHIL 418 Philosophy of the Social Sciences
PHIL 431 Topics in Ethics

Two Electives (6) (One must be a 400 level course)

Senior Inquiry (0-3):

PHIL 488 Senior Inquiry

OR

PHIL 489 Comprehensive Examination

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Philosophy Minor

Required Courses: 18 hours

PHIL 105 Introduction to Philosophy 3
PHIL 205 Ethics 3
3XX/4XX-level philosophy courses 12