**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 credits)

*All courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated.*

**Prerequisites:**
- PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 2050 Ethics

**One course in a theoretical area (3 credits):**
- PHIL 3200 Philosophy of Being
- PHIL 3250 Philosophy of Religion

PHIL 3300 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHIL 3350 Philosophy & the Good Life
PHIL 4070 Reasoning: Probability & Uncertainty
PHIL 4080 Advanced Symbolic Logic
PHIL 4090 Topics in Advanced Logic
PHIL 4100 Survey of Epistemology
PHIL 4120 Topics in Epistemology
PHIL 4150 Philosophy of Science Survey
PHIL 4170 Topics: Philosophy of Science
PHIL 4180 Philosophy of the Social Sci
PHIL 4210 Topics in Metaphysics
PHIL 4220 Philosophy of Language
PHIL 4260 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 4280 Biology and Mind
PHIL 4300 Survey of Ethical Theory
PHIL 4310 Topics in Ethics
PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 4340 Game Theory and Ethics
PHIL 4350 Survey of Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 4360 Topics in Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 4700 Contemporary German Phil
PHIL 4740 Philosophy of Karl Marx
PHIL 4850 Philosophical Anthropology
PHIL 4860 Topics in Phil of Religion

**Required Courses:**
- PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
- PHIL 4400 History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 4500 History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 4600 History of Modern Philosophy

**Contemporary philosophy**

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

**Two Electives (6 credits)** (One must be a 4000 level)

**Senior Inquiry (0-3 credits)**
- PHIL 4880 Senior Inquiry
- **OR**
- PHIL 4890 Comprehensive Examination (0 credits)

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

**Health Sciences Concentration**

**Required Courses** (30 credits)

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 credits unless otherwise indicated.*
Prerequisites:
PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2050 Ethics

Required:
PHIL 4400 History of Ancient Philosophy
OR
PHIL 4500 History of Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 4600 History of Modern Philosophy
PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic
OR
PHIL 4060 Logic for Pre-professionals

One course in a theoretical area (3):
PHIL 3200 Philosophy of Being
PHIL 3250 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 3300 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHIL 3350 Philosophy & the Good Life
PHIL 4070 Reasoning: Probability & Uncertainty
PHIL 4080 Advanced Symbolic Logic
PHIL 4090 Topics in Advanced Logic
PHIL 4100 Survey of Epistemology
PHIL 4120 Topics in Epistemology
PHIL 4150 Philosophy of Science Survey
PHIL 4170 Topics: Philosophy of Science
PHIL 4180 Philosophy of the Social Sci
PHIL 4210 Topics in Metaphysics
PHIL 4220 Philosophy of Language
PHIL 4260 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 4280 Biology and Mind
PHIL 4300 Survey of Ethical Theory
PHIL 4310 Topics in Ethics
PHIL 4330 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 4340 Game Theory and Ethics
PHIL 4350 Survey of Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 4360 Topics in Social & Political Philosophy
PHIL 4740 Philosophy of Karl Marx
PHIL 4850 Philosophy Anthropology
PHIL 4860 Topics in Philosophy of Religion

Two of the following (6 credits):
PHIL 3360 Medical Ethics
PHIL 4150 Survey of the Philosophy of Science
PHIL 4280 Biology and Mind

Two Electives (6 credits) (One must be a 4000 level)
Senior Inquiry (0-3 credits)
PHIL 4880 Senior Inquiry
OR
PHIL 4890 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 credits in the sciences with 8 credits at the upper division (3000-4000) level (Philosophy majors who choose this option must also consult with faculty outside of the Philosophy Department in order to determine appropriate science courses)

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

Society and Law Concentration

Required Courses (30 credits)
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 credits unless otherwise indicated.

Prerequisites:
PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2050 Ethics
PHIL 4400 History of Ancient Philosophy
OR
PHIL 4500 History of Medieval Philosophy

One course in theoretical area (3 credits):
PHIL 3200 Philosophy of Being
PHIL 3250 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 3300 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHIL 3350 Philosophy & the Good Life
PHIL 4070 Reasoning: Probability & Uncertainty
PHIL 4080 Advanced Symbolic Logic
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PHIL 4740 Philosophy of Karl Marx
PHIL 4850 Philosophy Anthropology
PHIL 4860 Topics in Philosophy of Religion

Two of the following (6 credits):
PHIL 3360 Medical Ethics
PHIL 4150 Survey of the Philosophy of Science
PHIL 4280 Biology and Mind

Two Electives (6 credits) (One must be a 4000 level)
Senior Inquiry (0-3 credits)
PHIL 4880 Senior Inquiry
OR
PHIL 4890 Comprehensive Examination

To fulfill his or her science requirements, a student must:
* Major or minor in Biology, Chemistry, or Psychology
One course in law (3 credits)
PHIL 3430 Philosophy of Law

One course in moral/social philosophy (3)
PHIL 3360 Medical Ethics
PHIL 3380 Business Ethics
PHIL 3400 Ethics and Engineering
PHIL 4180 Philosophy of the Social Sciences
PHIL 4310 Topics in Ethics

Two Electives (6 credits) (One must be a 4000 level course)

Senior Inquiry (0-3 credits):
PHIL 4880 Senior Inquiry
OR
PHIL 4890 Comprehensive Examination

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

Philosophy Minor

Required Courses (18 credits)
PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy 3
PHIL 2050 Ethics 3
PHIL 3000/4000-level courses 12