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 to 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 majors tracks; Historical, Health Sciences, and Society and Law.
The Historical Undergraduate Track in Philosophy

Required Courses: 30 hours
One course in each of the following areas:
PHIL105: Introduction to Philosophy............................................... 3
PHIL205: Ethics................................................................................ 3

One (1) course in a theoretical area: (i.e., non-historical, non-applied)
PHIL320, 325, 330, 335 OR any course ranging from:
407 to 439, 472, 474, 485, or 486...................................................... 3
PHIL404: Modern Logic................................................................. 3
PHIL440: Ancient........................................................................... 3
PHIL450: Medieval........................................................................ 3
PHIL460: Modern........................................................................... 3
Contemporary Philosophy (any 400-level course whose content focuses on philosophical literature since Hegel)................................................................. 3
Electives [including at least (1) 400-level course]............................. 6

Additional Requirement
A single course cannot be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
Senior inquiry satisfied by one of the following:

PHIL488 Project ................................................................. 0-6
The project requires the production of a paper under a faculty mentor and a public presentation
PHIL489 Comprehensive Examination .................0

Remaining Hours: Any of the approved minors or certificate programs offered by the College of Arts and Sciences can be completed to reach the total of 120 hours required for graduation.

The Health Sciences Undergraduate Track in Philosophy
The value of this track 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.

Required Courses: 30 hours
PHIL105 Introduction to Philosophy............................................... 3
PHIL205 Ethics................................................................................ 3
PHIL440 History of Ancient or PHIL450 Medieval......................... 3
PHIL460 History of Modern................................................................. 3
PHIL404 or PHIL406 Logic................................................................. 3
One (1) course in a theoretical (i.e., non-historical, non-applied) area:
PHIL320, 325, 330, 335, any course ranging from:
407 to 439, 472, 474, 477, 485, or 486..............................................3

Two (2) of the following:
PHIL336 Medical Ethics, PHIL415 Survey of Philosophy of Science,
PHIL482 Biology and Mind..............................................................6
Philosophy electives (including at least one (1) 400-level course)...6
Senior Inquiry........................................................................0-3 hours

To fulfill his or her science requirements, a student must either:
* Major or minor in Biology, Chemistry or Psychology
* Complete the science requirements of Pre-professional Health Studies Students
* Complete a minimum of 16 hours in the sciences with 8 hours at the upper division
  (300-400) level.
* A single course cannot be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

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

Society and Law Undergraduate

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

Required Courses: 30 hours
PHIL105 Introduction to Philosophy...............3
PHIL205 Ethics...................................................3
PHIL440 History of Ancient OR
PHIL450 Medieval..............................................3
PHIL460 History of Modern................................3
PHIL404 or 406 Logic........................................3

One (1) course in a theoretical (i.e., non-historical, non-applied) area:
PHIL 320, 325, 330, 335, any course ranging from:
407 to 439, 472, 474, 477, 485, or 486.................3
PHIL 343 Philosophy of Law ..............................3
One (1) course that focuses on social/ethical issues:
PHIL338 Business Ethics, PHIL336 Medical Ethics,
PHIL340 Ethics and Engineering, PHIL418 Philosophy of the Social Sciences, or
PHIL485 Topics in Advanced Ethics............................................................ 3

Philosophy Electives (including at least one (1) 400-level course)..........6
Senior Inquiry..............................................................................................0-3

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

Remaining Hours:
The student may select a double major or an approved minor or a certificate program to reach the total of 120 hours required for graduation. The philosophy electives and topics for the senior inquiry are chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor.

Typical Course of Study
The accompanying course of study is not intended to indicate a required course of study. It is intended to serve as a model around which a student may construct his or her own program.

First Semester  Second Semester

**FRESHMAN**

| Core: ENGL 190 | 3 | Core: ENGL 200-Level Literature | 3 |
| Core: PHIL 105 | 3 | Core: HIST 111 | 3 |
| Core: Foreign Language | 3 | Core: PHIL 205 | 3 |
| Core: MATH120 | 3 | Core: Foreign Language | 3 |
| Core: Science | 3 | Core: Science | 3 |
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**SOPHOMORE**

| Core: THEO 100 | 3 | Core: Social Science | 3 |
| Core: Foreign Language | 3 | PHIL 300/400-Level | 3 |
| Core: HIST 112 | 3 | PHIL 404 | 3 |
| Core: ENGL 300-Level Literature | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| PHIL 320 or 325 | 3 | Elective | 3 |
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**Total Hours: 120**

Relevant substitutions for the Health Sciences Track and the Society and Law Track should occur in the junior and senior years. It should be noted that the History of Ancient (PHIL440) and History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL460) are always offered during the fall semester, while the History of Medieval (PHIL450) is always offered during the spring semester. The Philosophy of Law (PHIL343), Engineering and Ethics (PHIL340), Logic (PHIL404), and Biology and Mind (PHIL482) are normally offered during the fall semester. Business Ethics (PHIL338) and Logic for Pre-Professionals (PHIL406) are normally offered in the spring semester.

### Philosophy Minor:

**Required Courses (18 hours)**

- PHIL105 ................................................................. 3
- PHIL205 ................................................................. 3
- 300/400 level Philosophy courses ....................... 12