

# Philosophy - B.A.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

Philosophy encourages critical and systematic inquiry into fundamental questions of right and wrong, truth and falsehood, the meaning of life, and the nature of reality, knowledge, and society. More than any other discipline, Philosophy explores the core issues of the Western intellectual tradition. With its emphasis on analytic precision and dialogical engagement, Philosophy is well positioned to help students develop their problem-solving, creative and critical thinking, communication, and other skills highly valued in the real world.

## 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.

### UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

#### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Suggested:  
PHI 315 Philosophy and Science Fiction..... 3

#### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Suggested – one of the following:  
PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality  
PHI 260 History of Philosophy I: From Greek Beginnings to the Middle Ages  
PHI 270 History of Philosophy II: From the Renaissance to the Present Era  
PHI 310 Philosophy of Human Nature  
PHI 317 Existentialist Thought and Literature  
PHI 380 Death, Dying and the Quality of Life..... 3

#### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list..... 3

#### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list..... 3

#### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ..... 3

#### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ..... 3

#### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Suggested:  
PHI 120 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to Logic..... 3

#### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list..... 3

#### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Suggested – one of the following:  
PHI 130 Introduction to Philosophy: Morality and Society  
PHI 205 Food Ethics

PHI 335 The Individual and Society  
PHI 340 Introduction to Feminism and Philosophy  
PHI 361 Biology and Society (Subtitle required)..... 3

### X. Global Dynamics

Suggested:  
PHI 343 Asian Philosophy..... 3  
**UK Core hours:** ..... **30**

### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

PHI 350 Metaphysics and Epistemology..... 3

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### College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*)<sup>^</sup> ..... 0-14  
II. Disciplinary Requirements  
    a. Natural Science..... 6  
    b. Social Science..... 6  
    c. Humanities (*completed by Major Requirements*)  
III. Laboratory or Field Work..... 1  
IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3  
V. Electives..... 6

**College Requirement hours:** ..... **19-36**

### Premajor Requirements

PHI 260 History of Philosophy I:  
    from Greek Beginnings to the Middle Ages ..... 3  
PHI 270 History of Philosophy II:  
    from the Renaissance to the Present Era..... 3  
**Premajor hours:** ..... **6**

### Major Requirements

#### Major Core Requirements

PHI 320 Symbolic Logic I ..... 3  
PHI 330 Ethics  
    or  
PHI 335 The Individual and Society..... 3  
PHI 350 Metaphysics and Epistemology..... 3

**Major Core hours:** ..... **9**

### Other Course Work Required for the Major

#### From the Major Department:

Choose 15 hours of PHI 500+ level courses with at least one course from each group below..... 15

**Group A:** PHI 503, 504, 506, 509, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 570

**Group B:** PHI 519, 530, 531, 535, 537, 540, 545, 592

**Group C:** PHI 520, 550, 560, 561, 562, 565, 575

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Choose 3 hours from any of the group courses listed above or the following: PHI 300, 305, 310, 317, 330, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, 340, 343, 361, 380, 395, 500.....3

## From Outside the Major Department

Choose 18 hours at the 200+ level; up to 4 hours may come from Philosophy courses.....18

**Other Major hours: ..... 36**

## Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation...9

## Total Minimum Hours

**Required for Degree ..... 120**

*\*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.*

*^French or German is highly recommended to complete the College foreign language requirements. Ancient Greek is recommended if the student plans to concentrate on ancient philosophy. Latin is recommended if the student plans to concentrate on medieval philosophy.*