B.A. in Philosophy

Description
Philosophy is the study of the fundamental ideas underlying every dimension of human life. A major in philosophy helps one to think clearly, communicate persuasively, engage in moral reasoning, and formulate a coherent approach to life. Typically, philosophy majors go on to graduate school, law school, medical school, theological studies, or careers in business.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

General Education Requirements
See the ‘General Education/Core Curriculum’ for the College of Liberal Arts.

Course Requirements
A major in philosophy for the B.A. degree consists of 30 semester hours of philosophy as indicated below, which must include at least two 400-level philosophy seminars and Phil 499. Of these 30 hours, students must take (I) 3 hours of logic, as well as at least 6 hours in each of the following content areas: (II) Epistemology and Metaphysics, (III) Value Theory, (IV) History of Philosophy.

I. Logic (3 hours)
Phils 103: Logic: Critical Thinking
Phils 319: Symbolic Logic

II. Epistemology and Metaphysics (6 hours)
Phils 322: Epistemology
Phils 323: Metaphysics
Phils 325: Theories of Truth
Phils 332: Personal Identity and the Self
Phils 333: Philosophy of Language
Phils 340: Philosophy of Technology
Phils 342: Philosophy of Mind
Phils 351: Philosophy of Religion
Phils 360: Philosophical Issues in Science/Religion
Phils 422: Seminar in Epistemology/Metaphysics
Phils 432: Seminar in the Philosophy of Mind/Language
Phils 460: Seminar in the Philosophy of Science/Religion

III. Value Theory (6 hours)
Phils 102: Introduction to Professional Ethics
Phils 320: Aesthetics
Phils 321: Ethics
Phils 328: Biomedical Ethics
Phils 331: Political Philosophy
Phils 345: Environmental Ethics
Phils 346: Contemporary Moral Issues
Phils 350: Philosophy of Law
Phils 355: Philosophy of Film
Phils 357: Business Ethics
Phils 421: Seminar in Ethical Philosophy
Phils 431: Seminar in Legal/Political Philosophy

IV. History of Philosophy (6 hours)
Phils 301: History of Philosophy I (Ancient and Medieval)
Phils 302: History of Philosophy II (Early Modern and Modern)
Phils 307: Medieval Philosophy
Phils 310: Socrates and Sophistry
Phils 311: Plato
Phils 313: Aristotle
Phils 314: Kant and the Problems of Philosophy
Phils 318: Existentialism
Phils 324: History of Analytic Philosophy
IV. History of Philosophy (6 hours)

Phil 330: History of Western Political Philosophy
Phil 401: Seminar in the History of Ancient Philosophy
Phil 402: Seminar in History of Modern Philosophy

Other Academic Requirements
A grade of C or higher is required in all philosophy courses applied toward the major.