



B.A. in Philosophy

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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)

Phil 103: Logic: Critical Thinking

Phil 319: Symbolic Logic

II. Epistemology and Metaphysics (6 hours)

Phil 322: Epistemology

Phil 323: Metaphysics

Phil 325: Theories of Truth

Phil 332: Personal Identity and the Self

Phil 333: Philosophy of Language

Phil 340: Philosophy of Technology

Phil 342: Philosophy of Mind

Phil 351: Philosophy of Religion

Phil 360: Philosophical Issues in Science/Religion

Phil 422: Seminar in Epistemology/Metaphysics

Phil 432: Seminar in the Philosophy of Mind/Language

Phil 460: Seminar in the Philosophy of Science/Religion

III. Value Theory (6 hours)

Phil 102: Introduction to Professional Ethics

Phil 320: Aesthetics

Phil 321: Ethics

Phil 328: Biomedical Ethics

Phil 331: Political Philosophy

Phil 345: Environmental Ethics

Phil 346: Contemporary Moral Issues

Phil 350: Philosophy of Law

Phil 355: Philosophy of Film

Phil 357: Business Ethics

Phil 421: Seminar in Ethical Philosophy

Phil 431: Seminar in Legal/Political Philosophy

IV. History of Philosophy (6 hours)

Phil 301: History of Philosophy I (Ancient and Medieval)

Phil 302: History of Philosophy II (Early Modern and Modern)

Phil 307: Medieval Philosophy

Phil 310: Socrates and Sophistry

Phil 311: Plato

Phil 313: Aristotle





IV. History of Philosophy (6 hours)

Phil 314: Kant and the Problems of Philosophy

Phil 318: Existentialism

Phil 324: History of Analytic Philosophy

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.

