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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- or 500-level philosophy seminar 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
- Phil 590: Advanced Seminar in Epistemology/Metaphysics

III. Value Theory (6 hours)

- Phil 102: Introduction to Professional Ethics
- Phil 104: Contemporary Moral Issues
- Phil 204: Intro to Ethical Policy Debate
- Phil 320: Aesthetics
- Phil 321: Ethical Theory
- Phil 328: Biomedical Ethics
- Phil 331: Political Philosophy
- Phil 344: Moral Psychology
- Phil 345: Environmental Ethics
- Phil 347: Advanced Ethical Policy Debate
- Phil 350: Philosophy of Law
- Phil 352: Care Ethics
- Phil 353: Consequentialism
- Phil 355: Philosophy of Film
- Phil 357: Business Ethics
- Phil 421: Seminar in Ethical Philosophy
- Phil 431: Seminar in Legal/Political Philosophy
- Phil 591: Advanced Seminar in Value Theory

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

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- Phil 310: Socrates and Sophistry
- Phil 311: Plato
- Phil 313: Aristotle
- 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 An optional emphasis in religious studies consists of 30 semester hours of philosophy and religion that must include Phil 101 and Phil 499; either Phil 103, 301, or 302; any other 12 hours in philosophy (6 hours of which must be at the 300 level or above); and any other 12 hours in religion (6 hours of which must be at the 300 level or above). At least one philosophy or religion class must be a 400 or 500-level seminar.

Other Academic Requirements

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

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Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101, Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102, Writ 102 or Hon 102.
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Eng 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, or Eng 226.
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours in History (HST) course work with a passing grade.
3 hrs humanities	3	African American studies; classical civilization; environmental studies 101, gender studies (G St 201, 301, 333, 350); Liba 202, 305, 312; philosophy; religion; Southern studies (S St 101, 102); Rhet 201. In addition, gender studies courses that are cross-listed with African American studies, classical civilization, English, modern languages, philosophy, or religion courses will satisfy this requirement.
6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.
3 hrs fine arts	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophommore-level courses are: AH 101, AH 102, AH 201, AH 202; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; Theatre 201 and 202
3 hrs math 100+	3	Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246.
Astr/Phys Can't both be used for Sci Req		
9-12 hrs science	9	Complete a full year of science course work in one subject area (6-8 hrs) and complete 3 credit hours in a subject area from another department. Courses may be chosen from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering, or Physics and Astronomy.
2 associated science labs	2	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.

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Phil 103 or 319	3	Phil 319: Symbolic Logic, Phil 103: Logic: Critical Thinking
6 hrs Epistemology - C min	6	Complete 6 hrs from the following with a grade of C or better: Phil 322, 323, 325, 326, 332, 333, 334, 340, 342, 351, 360, 396, 422, 432, or 460.
6 hrs Value Theory - C min	6	Complete 6 hrs from the following with a grade of C or better: Phil 102, 204, 205, 308, 320, 321, 328, 331, 344, 345, 346, 347, 350, 352, 353, 354, 355, 357, 365, 372, 390, 391, 421, or 431.
6 hrs Hist of Philosophy - C min	6	Complete 6 hours from the following with a grade of C or better: Phil 301, 302, 307, 310, 311, 313, 314, 315, 316, 318, 324, 330, 401, or 402.
9 add'l hrs philosophy	9	Complete 9 additional hours of Phil courses with a grade of C or better. Religion courses that are not cross-listed with philosophy courses do not count toward a major with an emphasis in philosophy.
Phil 499 - C min		Complete Phil 499 with a grade of C or better.
Two 400+level philosophy seminars	6	A major in philosophy for the B.A. degree consists of 30 semester hours, which must include at least two 400+level philosophy courses.
Phil residency hrs	12	Student must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence. A grade of C or hiher is required on all Philosophy courses applied toward the degree.

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