

## PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

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The Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religious Studies offers major and minor programs in Philosophy and courses that support the College's General Education Program. Philosophy inquires into every aspect of knowledge and value. It is distinguished from other disciplines more by its critical and integrative approach then by a select subject matter. The Philosophy curriculum is designed to accommodate students for whom philosophy is simply their choice of liberal arts major, students who intend to study philosophy in graduate school, and students who study philosophy to complement their work in other disciplines.

Any 100 or 200-level course may be a student's first choice in philosophy. Students who plan to take both History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and History of Modern Philosophy should, if possible, take History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy first.

Any course with a PHL prefix may be counted as a philosophy requirement. In addition, two courses that fit both of the following criteria may also be counted toward the philosophy major as well. 1) The course is deemed to have a strong philosophical content and/or methodology as determined by the chair of Classics, Philosophy, and Religious Studies or the student's philosophy advisor. 2) The course is either REL 102 World Religions, or is an upper level course in Religion, Political Science, Environmental Studies, English, Psychology, or Sociology/Anthropology.

Majors must earn a grade of C- or better in all courses used to satisfy major requirements. Philosophy majors who intend to pursue graduate study in philosophy are strongly advised to take at least two courses in a foreign language in which there is a significant body of philosophical literature. Such a major's choice of foreign language should be discussed with a member of the department.

\* Examples of non-western philosophy courses are PHL/REL 102 World Religions and PHL 333 Asian Philosophy & Religion, though other courses may count as determined by the student's philosophy advisor or the chair of Classics, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Course #	Title of Course	Hours Completed	Semester Completed	Grade

If any substitutions of waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

## MAJOR: Philosophy

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Student's Last Name	First	Initial

Advisor

Date Major Declared

Course #	Title of Course	Hours Required	Semester Completed	Grade
Required Co	ourses:			
	At least 1 course in Ethics (3 hrs.):			
PHL 120	History of Philosophy	3		
PHL 212	Introduction to Ethics	3		
<u>or</u> PHL 242	Biomedical Ethics	3		
<u>or</u> PHL 244	Business Ethics	3		
<u>or</u> PHL 246	Environmental Ethics	3		
	At least 1 course in Logic:			
PHL 218	Introduction to Logic	3		
<u>or</u> PHL 224	Formal Logic	3		
	A non-western Philosophy course (see*other side for mo	ore details- 3 h	nrs.)	
Three uppe	r level philosophy courses (9 hrs.):			
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Any additio	nal Philosophy courses ( 6 hrs.):			
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	Total Hours: (27 hrs.)			