

# The Department of Philosophy

## Philosophy Major

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## About

The Philosophy department offers interesting courses that help students better understand the world and their place in it. Philosophy courses teach students to analyze difficult texts, to write clearly and precisely, to defend their views with cogent arguments and to take pleasure in the struggle with complex ideas and questions.

## Required Major Courses (30 credits)

The philosophy major consists of 10 courses and 30 credits.

### Double Majors

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of philosophy, the department welcomes and encourages double majors. With the permission of the chair, philosophy majors may count up to two related courses from the second major toward fulfillment of the philosophy major requirements.

| <b>Course</b> | <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Credits</b> |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| PHI 1000      | Knowledge, Reality, Self                          | 3              |
|               | Ancient Philosophy Requirement                    | 3              |
|               | Medieval Philosophy Requirement                   | 3              |
|               | Modern Philosophy Requirement                     | 3              |
|               | PHI Research Requirement                          | 3              |
|               | Advanced Seminar for Philosophy Majors (Capstone) | 3              |
|               | PHI Electives for B.A.                            | 12             |

## Core Curriculum Requirements (41 credits)

Philosophy Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Core Philosophy - PHI 1000 (3 cr)

| <b>Course</b> | <b>Title</b>                                | <b>Credits</b> |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| ACS 1000      | Ancients                                    | 3              |
| ACS 1001      | Moderns                                     | 3              |
| THL 1000      | Faith, Reason, and Culture                  | 3              |
| ETH 2050      | The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob               | 3              |
|               | Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)        | 3              |
|               | Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory) | 8              |
|               | Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)   | 3              |
|               | History (1 course)                          | 3              |
|               | Social Sciences (2 courses)                 | 6              |
|               | Fine Arts (1 course)                        | 3              |
|               | Upper-Level Theology (1 course)             | 3              |
|               | Language Requirement                        |                |
|               | Diversity Requirement (2 courses)           |                |

## Free Elective Requirement (51 credits)

Students with a Philosophy primary major have fifty-one (51) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 30 credits
- **Core Credits:** 41 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 51 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Philosophy as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.