**Philosophy**

**Bachelor of Arts degree**  
with a major in Philosophy

**Minor in Philosophy — Asian Aspects,**  
Ethics & Values, Fundamental Aspects,  
History of Western Philosophy

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**The Program**

Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:

- define concepts and use traditional vocabulary of philosophy  
- use the logical methods of analysis to critically assess philosophical arguments  
- apply methods of philosophy to specific issues and problems  
- identify, articulate, and evaluate philosophical arguments.

The Philosophy major provides its students with the opportunity to engage in critical as well as constructive dialogue with the greatest thinkers in both the Eastern and Western traditions. This includes ideas and values, from ancient through contemporary works, which continue to influence and challenge our thinking in all areas of human thought and action. While learning how to read such works philosophically, both class discussions and writing assignments will assist the student in learning how to think, speak, and write philosophically. These skills will cultivate the power to logically analyze and holistically integrate concepts and theories, as well as lay the foundations for a lifetime of learning in that students will learn how to learn for themselves. A degree in philosophy will provide one of the best preparations both for an academic career, as well as for many other professions, such as law, medicine, government and education.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 66-81.

Philosophy majors must earn a minimum grade of “C-” in all courses taken to fulfill the major requirements; and must earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in the major.

**Lower Division**

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**Upper Division**

| PHIL 302 | (3) Environmental Ethics  
PHIL 303 | (3) Theories of Ethics  
PHIL 341 | (3) Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle  
PHIL 342 | (3) Descartes, Locke, Hume  
PHIL 343 | (3) Kant and the 18th Century  
PHIL 345 | (3) Philosophies of China, or  
PHIL 346 | (3) Philosophies of India  
PHIL 371 | (3) Contemporary Social & Political Philosophy  
PHIL 420 | (3) Contemporary Epistemology & Metaphysics  
PHIL 425 | (3) Philosophy of Science

Two seminars selected from offerings of PHIL 485.

Two electives chosen from the following: PHIL 301, PHIL 304, PHIL 306, PHIL 309B, PHIL 355, PHIL 415, PHIL 485. (Three units of PHIL 391 may be used in lieu of one of the electives and must be approved by the Department Chair for credit.)

**MINORS**

**Minor in Philosophy — Asian Aspects**  
Take two courses from:  
PHIL 104  
PHIL 345  
PHIL 346

Plus two 3-unit electives in philosophy, one of which must be upper division.

**Minor in Philosophy — Ethics & Values**  
PHIL 303  
PHIL 106  
PHIL 301  
PHIL 302  
PHIL 304  
PHIL 306  
PHIL 371

Plus one lower or upper division 3-unit elective in philosophy.

**Minor in Philosophy — Fundamental Aspects**  
(recommended minor for pre-law)  
PHIL 100  
PHIL 303  
PHIL 420  
PHIL 415: Symbolic Logic, is recommended.

Plus one upper division, 3-unit philosophy elective. (If pre-law, PHIL 415: Symbolic Logic, is recommended.)

**Minor in Philosophy — History of Western Philosophy**  
PHIL 341  
PHIL 342  
PHIL 343

Plus one lower or upper division 3-unit elective in philosophy.

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