

Philosophy

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The philosophy major and minor challenge you to ask big, important questions, engage with some of the most significant minds in history, think critically, and write and express yourself clearly. Our department takes a pluralistic approach, which sharpens your ability to understand and analyze concepts, question injustices and logical errors, and think critically about what matters to you. It promotes sustained reflection, clarity in language and argument, and awareness of justice and injustice: critical skills for success in a multicultural world.

Majors gain a solid foundation in philosophic method and history through four core courses: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Ethics or Ethics Bowl Debate, and Logic or Critical Thinking. From there students customize their studies, choosing one upper level historical course, one upper level global or contemporary philosophy course, and three electives. All majors complete their studies with an advanced philosophy seminar.

Philosophy minors take two foundational courses: Ancient Greek Philosophy and either Ethics, Ethics Bowl Debate, Critical Thinking or Logic, and then choose three electives. Should majors or minors wish to develop a focus, our faculty can support a range of concentrations and research, including pre-law, ethics, philosophy of literature, art and film, political philosophy, feminist philosophy, critical race philosophy, Africana philosophy, philosophic issues in technology, and the history of philosophy.

Major

A minimum of thirty credits in philosophy courses distributed as follows:

Four required core courses:	12
PHIL 201 or PHIL 208	Ethics Ethics Bowl Debate I
PHIL 213 or PHIL 214	Introduction to Logic Critical Thinking
PHIL 215 PHIL 316	Ancient Greek Philosophy Modern Philosophy
One historical period/tradition course:	3
PHIL 210 PHIL 320 PHIL 325	Faith and Reason Nineteenth-Century Philosophy Marx and Marxism
PHIL 330 PHIL 334 PHIL 335	American Philosophy Existentialism 20th Century Philosophy
One contemporary and/or non-Western course:	3
PHIL 307	Metaphilosophy

PHIL 332	Africana Philosophy	
PHIL 341	Global & Feminist Epistemologies	
PHIL 342	Chinese and Japanese Philosophies	
PHIL 350	Philosophers on Race, Class, and Gender	
PHIL 352	Philosophers on Sex, Love, and Friendship	
PHIL 399	Topics: in Philosophy	
One seminar:		3
PHIL 401	Philosophy Seminar	
Electives at the 200-level or above chosen in consultation with the major advisor		9
Total Credits		30

Minor: Philosophy

A minimum of fifteen credits in philosophy courses distributed as follows:

PHIL 215	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
Select from PHIL 201 Ethics, PHIL 208 Ethics Bowl Debate I, PHIL 213 Introduction to Logic, or PHIL 214 Critical Thinking		3
Electives selected from PHIL 150 or any course at the 200-level or above chosen in consultation with the minor advisor		9
Total Credits		15