

B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

Overview

The major in Philosophy leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. To satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences writing requirement in the discipline, students majoring in philosophy should take at least two (2) (properly approved writing and communication) philosophy courses.

Curriculum Requirements for Philosophy Majors (no track)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
PHI 210	Symbolic Logic	3
or PHI 215	Logic and Law	
PHI 271	Ancient Philosophy	3
or PHI 272	Modern Philosophy	
or PHI 373	Nineteenth Century Philosophy	
Select one course at the 300 level		3
Select one of the following 300 level courses:		3
PHI 330	Ethics	
PHI 331	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHI 332	Philosophy of Law	
PHI 339	Philosophy of Love	
PHI 358	Effective Altruism: Making A Difference	
Select two of the following:		6
PHI 340	Theory of Knowledge	
PHI 341	Philosophy of Language	
PHI 343	Philosophy of Science	
PHI 344	Philosophy of Mind	
PHI 345	Metaphysics	
PHI 349	Philosophy of Space and Time	
Select six credit hours at the 500 level		6
Select two additional philosophy courses		6
General Education Requirements		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
or ENG 106	Writing About Literature and Culture	
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
Areas of Knowledge:		
Arts & Humanities Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)		
People and Society Cognate		9
STEM Cognate		9
Additional Requirements		
Language Requirement		3
Minor		15
Electives		45
Total Credit Hours		120

Curriculum Requirements for Philosophy Majors with the Pre-Law Track

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
PHI 210	Symbolic Logic	3

or PHI 215	Logic and Law	
PHI 271	Ancient Philosophy	3
or PHI 272	Modern Philosophy	
PHI 330	Ethics	3
or PHI 331	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHI 332	Philosophy of Law	3
or PHI 333	Philosophical foundations of criminal law	
Select two of the following:		6
PHI 340	Theory of Knowledge	
PHI 341	Philosophy of Language	
PHI 343	Philosophy of Science	
Select two 500-level courses		6
Select two additional PHI courses		6
General Education Requirements		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
or ENG 106	Writing About Literature and Culture	
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
Areas of Knowledge:		
Arts & Humanities Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)		
People and Society Cognate		9
STEM Cognate		9
Additional Requirements		
Language Requirement		3
Minor		15
Electives		45
Total Credit Hours		120

Curriculum Requirements for Philosophy Majors with the Pre-Med Track

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
PHI 210	Symbolic Logic	3
PHI 271	Ancient Philosophy	3
or PHI 272	Modern Philosophy	
PHI 330	Ethics	3
PHI 334	Biomedical Ethics	3
PHI 340	Theory of Knowledge	3
or PHI 344	Philosophy of Mind	
PHI 343	Philosophy of Science	3
PHI 546	Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine	3
Select two 500-level courses		6
Select two additional PHI courses		6
General Education Requirements		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
or ENG 106	Writing About Literature and Culture	
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
Areas of Knowledge:		

Arts & Humanities Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)	
People and Society Cognate	9
STEM Cognate	9
Additional Requirements	
Language Requirement	3
Minor	15
Electives	42
Total Credit Hours	120

* A grade of C- or higher and an overall GPA of 2.0 are required.

** Elective courses may be chosen to fit individual needs.

Suggested Plan of Study (no track)

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 210		3
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
Language Course		3
Natural Science Course		3
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II or Writing About Literature and Culture	3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 210		3
Language Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Credit Hours	15
Year Two		
Fall		
PHI 200 Level Course (History of Philosophy)		3
PHI 300 Level Course (Ethics)		3
Language Course		3
People and Society Cognate Course		3
Elective		3
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		
PHI 300 Level Course		3
PHI 300 Level Course		3
People and Society Cognate Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Elective		3
	Credit Hours	15
Year Three		
Fall		
PHI 300 Level Course		3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)		3
People and Society Cognate Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3

Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
PHI 300 Level Course	3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)	3
People and Society Cognate Course	3
STEM Cognate Course	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Year Four	
Fall	
PHI 500 Level Course	3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
PHI 500 Level Course	3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)	3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	120

Suggested Plan of Study with Pre-Law Track

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
Natural Science Course		3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 215 or PHI 210		3
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
Language Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II or Writing About Literature and Culture	3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 215 or PHI 210		3
Language Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Year Two		
Fall		
PHI 200 Level Course (History of Philosophy)		3
PHI 300 Level Course (Ethics)		3
Language Course		3
People and Society Cognate Course		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Spring			
PHI 332 or 333	Philosophy of Law or Philosophical foundations of criminal law		3
PHI 300 Level Course			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Year Three			
Fall			
PHI 300 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Spring			
PHI 300 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Year Four			
Fall			
PHI 500 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Spring			
PHI 500 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Total Credit Hours			120

Suggested Plan of Study with Pre-Med Track

Year One			
Fall			Credit Hours
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I		3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 210			3
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics		3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience		0
Language Course			3
Natural Science Course			3
Credit Hours			15

Spring			
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II or Writing About Literature and Culture		3
PHI 100 Level Course or PHI 210			3
Language Course			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Year Two			
Fall			
PHI 200 Level Course (History of Philosophy)			3
PHI 300 Level Course (Ethics)			3
Language Course			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Spring			
PHI 334	Biomedical Ethics		3
PHI 343	Philosophy of Science		3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Year Three			
Fall			
PHI 300 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Spring			
PHI 300 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
People and Society Cognate Course			3
STEM Cognate Course			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Year Four			
Fall			
PHI 546	Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine		3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Credit Hours			15
Spring			
PHI 500 Level Course			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Minor Course (Non-Philosophy)			3
Elective			3

Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	120

Mission

Philosophy majors should be able to think critically and imaginatively about philosophical questions and foundational issues in other disciplines. They should have a solid understanding of contemporary and historical philosophical texts; they should be able to evaluate complex philosophical arguments and to determine the logical validity or invalidity of arguments in any sphere.

Student Learning Outcomes

- All undergraduate majors will demonstrate the ability to evaluate evidence and arguments.
- All undergraduate majors will demonstrate the ability to think critically about philosophical issues.
- All undergraduate majors will demonstrate a specialized knowledge of at least one philosophical topic or area.
- All undergraduate majors who take writing-credit courses will demonstrate the ability to:
 - (a) summarize the main ideas of historical or contemporary philosophical theories in written form,
 - (b) analyze the fundamental differences among important philosophical concepts in several paragraphs, and
 - (c) apply these concepts in a resolution of current debates in solid writing.