



Department of Philosophy
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Objectives:

- ◆ Philosophy pursues questions in every dimension of human life, and its techniques apply to problems in any field of study. Philosophy develops the capacity to see the world from the perspective of other individuals and other cultures, enhances one’s ability to perceive the relationships among various fields of study, and deepens one’s sense of the meaning and variety of human experience.
- ◆ The Department of Philosophy emphasizes the acquisition of a broad foundation in the history of philosophy and in philosophy’s traditional core fields: Logic (methods for distinguishing good from bad reasoning), Ethics (what makes a decision morally right or wrong), Metaphysics (basic criteria for determining what sorts of things are real), and Epistemology (the nature and scope of knowledge).
- ◆ Philosophy graduates are successfully pursuing careers in business, government, journalism, law, and medicine. Philosophy emphasizes logical reasoning, clarity of expression, and careful analysis of different views and opinions—skills that are valuable in any career.
- ◆ Advising by one of the department co-chairs is required. Check with the Philosophy Department to make arrangements for required advising.
- ◆ Get more involved on campus! Join the Philosophy Club or Phi Alpha Delta to meet other students also interested in this field. Contact the ROAR office at roar@uccs.edu or 262-3470 for information.

Philosophy Major – 30 credits, 21 upper division	Credits
Two of these History of Philosophy courses:	6
348 Philosophy of India 353 Hellenistic Philosophy 357 Kant and the Enlightenment	
349 Philosophy of China 354 Medieval and Renaissance Phil	358 Hegel to Nietzsche
351 Ancient Philosophy 356 Modern Classical	
One of these Logic courses:	3
112 Critical Thinking 443 Logical Theory 344 Symbolic Logic	
One of these Ethics or Social and Political Philosophy courses:	3
316 Issues in Death and Dying 360 Philosophy of Religion 417 Health Care Ethics	
320 Politics & The Law 373 Philosophy & Literature 425 Selected Topics in Social Theory	
323 Women’s Equality 414 Environmental Philosophy 426 Philosophy of Law	
324 Philosophy of War 415 Ethical Theory 455 Feminism, Sexuality & Culture	
340 Holocaust 416 Business & Mgmt Ethics	
One of these Metaphysics, Ontology, Epistemology, or Philosophy of Science courses:	3
317 Theories of Knowledge 404 Continental Phil: Early 20 th Century 420 Consciousness	
330 Philosophy of Mind 406 Continental Phil: Mid 20 th Century 435 Analytic Philosophy	
335 Metaphysics 407 Existentialism 440 Philosophy of Science	
339 Philosophy of Psychology 408 Continental Phil: Late 20 th Century 441 Philosophy of Biology	
370 Aesthetic Theory 410 American Pragmatism 446 Theories of Human Nature	
Philosophy electives (6 credits must be upper division)	12
PHIL 495 Senior Seminar and Thesis	3
<u>General Education Requirements**</u>	
**Students are required as part of their general education requirements to complete courses in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness. These courses are identified in the LAS section of the schedule of courses and in the bulletin.	
Composition Requirement	6
Reasoning Skills Requirement	3
Humanities Area Requirement	
General	9
Core	3
Natural Science Area Requirement (including a lab course)	12
Social Science Area Requirement	12
General electives	<u>+45</u>
Total Credits - 45 upper division (300-400) level	120

MODEL DEGREE PROGRAM

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL

- _____ ENGL131 Rhetoric & Writing I
(Prer. of ENGL099 or ACT 19+ or SAT 450+)*
- _____ PHIL Elective
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ ID101 Freshmen Seminar OR General Elective
- _____ General Humanities Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ ENGL141 Rhetoric & Writing II
(Prer. of ENGL131 or ACT 29+ or SAT 650+)*
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ General Humanities Elective
- _____ General Elective
- _____ I D 105 OR I D 200 OR MATH104 Reasoning Skills Requirement (Prer. for MATH104 is score of 12+ on the Algebra Diagnostic Exam)

TOTAL=15 credits

Suggested Second Year

FALL

- _____ PHIL Elective
- _____ Natural Science Elective (w/lab)-4 cr
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ General Elective
- _____ General Humanities Elective

TOTAL=16 credits

SPRING

- _____ Logic Course (Prer. may apply)
- _____ History of Philosophy Course (Prer. may apply)
- _____ Natural Science Elective
- _____ Oral Communication requirement
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

Suggested Third Year

FALL

- _____ Ethics or Social & Political Philosophy Course
(Prer. may apply)
- _____ Upper Division (UD) PHIL Elective
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ Natural Science Elective
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ Metaphysics, Ontology, Epistemology or Philosophy of Science Course (Prer. may apply)
- _____ History of Philosophy Course (Prer. may apply)
- _____ General Elective
- _____ General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL

- _____ PHIL495 Senior Seminar & Thesis
- _____ HUM300+ Core Humanities (Prer. of junior status)
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ UD PHIL Elective
- _____ Natural Science Elective-2 cr
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective

TOTAL=14 credits

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise stated.

*ACT/SAT placement scores are based on the English section of the exam only.

Courses fulfilling General Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, as well as the Global Awareness (G), Cultural Diversity (D) and Oral Communication (O) requirements, may be found in the Bulletin or the current schedule.

Electives may be used toward a minor, a 2nd major, prerequisites, additional courses in Philosophy (up to 54 credits maximum) or just for fun!