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COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS  
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## 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 (distinguishing good from bad reasoning), Ethics (what makes a decision morally right or wrong), Metaphysics (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 arrange 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](mailto:roar@uccs.edu) or 262-3470 for information

### Philosophy Major-Law, Social Justice, & Global Conflict Option

### Credits

33 credits, 21 upper division

Three History of Philosophy Courses, from three different periods:

9

Non-Western Philosophy period courses:

348 Philosophy of India                      349 Philosophy of China

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy period courses:

351 Ancient Philosophy                      352 Plato                      353 Hellenistic Philosophy

354 Medieval and Renaissance Phil

Modern Philosophy period courses:

356 Modern Classical                      357 Kant & the Enlightenment                      358 Hegel to Nietzsche

20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy period courses:

404 Phenomenology                      435 Analytic Philosophy

One of these Logic courses:

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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                      373 Philosophy & Literature                      426 Philosophy of Law

360 Philosophy of Religion                      416 Business & Mgmt Ethics

One of these Metaphysics, Ontology, Epistemology, or Philosophy of Science courses:

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317 Theories of Knowledge                      404 Continental Phil: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century                      420 Consciousness  
330 Philosophy of Mind                      339 Philosophy of Psychology                      408 Continental Phil: Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
333 Understanding Emotion                      370 Aesthetic Theory                      410 American Pragmatism                      441 Philosophy of Biology  
334 Love and Hatred                      406 Continental Phil: Mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century                      435 Analytic Philosophy                      446 Theories of Human Nature  
335 Metaphysics                      407 Existentialism                      440 Philosophy of Science

Four Law & Social Justice Courses from:

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102 Ethics                      324 Philosophy of War                      425 Topics in Social Theory  
104 Philosophy & Society                      340 Holocaust                      426 Philosophy of Law  
131 Women & Science                      414 Environmental Philosophy                      455 Feminism, Sexuality & Culture  
320 Politics & the Law                      415 Ethical Theory                      493 Adv. Topics in Philosophy  
323 Women's Equality/Diff.                      417 Health Care Ethics

PHIL 495 Senior Seminar and Thesis

Portfolio

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### General Education Requirements\*\*

\*\*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

+42

**Total Credits** - 45 upper division (300-400) level

**120**

# MODEL DEGREE PROGRAM

## PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

### Law, Social Justice & Global Conflict Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy-Law & Social Justice 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+)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ General 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL Law & Social Justice Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Communication requirement
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL Law & Social Justice Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective

**TOTAL=15 credits**

#### Suggested Third Year

##### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ethics or Social & Political Philosophy Course  
(Prer. may apply)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Division (UD) PHIL Law & Social Justice Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Law & Social Justice Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective-2 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ History of Philosophy Course (Prer. may apply)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> major, prerequisites, additional courses in Philosophy (up to 54 credits maximum) or just for fun!