

# 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

PHIL 100 (3) Logic

### 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 19th 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.)

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINORS

*Philosophy minors must earn a minimum grade of "C-" in all courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements; and must earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor.*

For the four minors listed below, take the indicated courses and confer with members of the philosophy faculty for assistance in selecting suitable electives.

## Minor in Philosophy — Asian Aspects

Take two courses from:

PHIL 104 (3) Asian Philosophy

PHIL 345 (3) Philosophies of China

PHIL 346 (3) Philosophies of India

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

## Minor in Philosophy — Ethics & Values

PHIL 303 (3) Theories of Ethics

Plus six units from the following:

PHIL 106 (3) Moral Controversies

PHIL 301 (3) Reflection on the Arts

PHIL 302 (3) Environmental Ethics

PHIL 304 (3) Philosophy of Sex & Love

PHIL 306 (3) Race, Racism & Philosophy

PHIL 371 (3) Contemporary Social &  
Political Philosophy

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

## Minor in Philosophy — Fundamental

**Aspects** *(recommended minor for pre-law)*

PHIL 100 (3) Logic

PHIL 303 (3) Theories of Ethics

PHIL 420 (3) Contemporary  
Epistemology &  
Metaphysics

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 (3) Presocratics, Plato,  
Aristotle

PHIL 342 (3) Descartes, Locke, Hume

PHIL 343 (3) Kant and the 19th Century

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

