

Philosophy, B.A. Suggested 4-year Plan

This is a sample academic plan only and is not meant to replace regular academic advising.

This plan is flexible, and can be changed to accommodate Study Abroad, a second major and/or minor, or AP/IB credits. Students should work with a program advisor to develop a plan that meets their specific needs.*

Minimum of 120 credits required to graduate, 42 must be upper division.

Year 1

fall semester (3 credits)

- PHIL 101 or PHIL 102 3 credits

spring semester (3 credits)

- PHIL 104 3 credits

Year 2

fall semester (6 credits)

- PHIL 204: Logic or PHIL 300: Symbolic Logic**
- PHIL 310 – Socrates to Aquinas 3 credit

spring semester (6 credits)

- PHIL 311 – Descartes to Kirkegaard 3 credits
- upper-division elective 3 credits

Year 3

fall semester (9 credits)

- upper-division metaphysics & epistemology course 3 credits
- upper-division ethics course 3 credits
- upper-division elective 3 credits

spring semester (9 credits)

- upper-division metaphysics & epistemology course 3 credits
- upper-division ethics course 3 credits
- PHIL 398 Junior/Senior Seminar in Philosophy 3 credits

*As a discipline, philosophy has fewer courses with prerequisites, and there are many effective paths to satisfying the major requirements. The plan here embodies two pieces of advice that (though not essential) can help you to get the most out of your major experience: 1. Satisfying the logic requirement early in your philosophy career is valuable since logic is an essential tool of philosophical inquiry. 2.

Satisfying the history requirement early will provide a useful historical perspective that can enrich your investigation of philosophical topics in later courses.

**PHIL 300 is recommended for students considering a pre-law track.

CLASS LIST

Metaphysics and Epistemology Courses

PHIL 102 Philosophy through science
PHIL 125 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 305 Metaphysics
PHIL 306 Games and Decisions
PHIL 307 History of Twentieth Century Philosophy
PHIL 309 Religion, Knowledge, and Evil
PHIL 320 Belief, Truth, and Knowledge
PHIL 321 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 322A Philosophical Theology
PHIL 340 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 350 Philosophy of Quantum Theory
Phil 365 Philosophy of Neuroscience and Free Will

Ethics Courses

PHIL 104 Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 120 Global Ethics and Religion
PHIL 303 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 304 Multicultural Ethics
PHIL 312 Ethics Bowl
PHIL 314 Medical Ethics
PHIL 316 Business and Professional Ethics
PHIL 318 Political and Legal Philosophy
PHIL 319 Philosophy of Women/Women of Color
PHIL 324 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 326 Food Ethics
PHIL 327 Global Justice
PHIL 331 Feminism and Freedom

Elective Courses

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 203 Logic
PHIL 300 Symbolic Logic
PHIL 323 Philosophy in Literature
PHIL 325 Albert Schweitzer: His Life and Thought
PHIL 329 Experimental Course
PHIL 357 Topics in Humanomics
PHIL 398 Jr/Sr. Seminar*
PHIL 399 Individual Study and Research
PHIL 490 Independent Research

*NOTE: May count as elective if taken more than once (see more on major worksheet pa