PHILOSOPHY (B.A.)

Philosophy contributes to the liberal education of any student, whatever his/her predominant interest, by its emphasis on clear and cogent thought, by consideration of the interrelations of fact and value, by training in logic and the methodology of inquiry, and by a study and analysis of major philosophical outlooks.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for this program are satisfied by the general requirements for undergraduate admission (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/admission/) to the University. Students who are planning to major in philosophy or who simply wish advice or consultation concerning course offerings and programs should see the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy.

Program Requirements

Candidates must complete 120 credits in course work including satisfaction of the University General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Group Requirements (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/collge-liberal-arts-sciences/bachelors-degree-requirements/), as well as the departmental major requirements cited below. All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the University (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-regulations/) and the College (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/collge-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/) governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees.

Major Requirements

Students planning to major in Philosophy should consult the department's undergraduate advisor as early as possible. Students may satisfy the major in either of two ways: with a traditional concentration or with a concentration in law, ethics and justice.

CORE COURSE (3-4 credits). All students (of either concentration) must complete a minimum of ten courses in Philosophy, including the Core Courses (see above) as well as the following concentrations must complete a minimum of ten courses in Philosophy, doing graduate-level work in Philosophy. A candidate pursuing this concentration must complete a minimum of ten courses in Philosophy, including the Core Courses (see above) as well as the following:

- PHI 2100 Ancient Greek Philosophy
- PHI 2110 Philosophy of the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- PHI 5400 The Presocratics and Sophists
- PHI 5410 Plato
- PHI 5420 Aristotle
- PHI 5450 British Empiricism
- PHI 5460 Kant

Select a second History of Philosophy course from the above, or from the following:

- PHI 2150 Chinese Philosophy
- PHI 2170 Islamic and Near Eastern Philosophy
- PHI 3450 Existentialism

2. Select one course in the Value Theory Group

- PHI 2320 Introduction to Ethics
- PHI 2330 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
- PHI 2360 Feminist Philosophy
- PHI 2390 Philosophy of Social and Political Philosophy
- PHI 3270 Foundations of Law
- PHI 3700 Philosophy of Art
- PHI 5240 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHI 5250 Justice and Rights in Health Care
- PHI 5260 Philosophy of Sex and Gender
- PHI 5270 Philosophy of Law
- PHI 5280 History of Ethics
- PHI 5290 Free Will and Moral Responsibility
- PHI 5300 Foundations of Ethics
- PHI 5330 Ethics, Law, and Health

3. Select one course in the Philosophical Problems Group

- PHI 2400 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
- PHI 2550 Introduction to Philosophy of Science
- PHI 2650 Philosophy of Psychology
- PHI 2850 The Presocratics and Sophists
- PHI 2900 Foundations of Law
- PHI 3450 Existentialism
- PHI 5210 Philosophy of Race and Racism
- PHI 5230 Philosophy of Science
- PHI 5240 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHI 5250 Justice and Rights in Health Care
- PHI 5300 Foundations of Ethics
- PHI 5330 Ethics, Law, and Health
- PHI 5400 The Presocratics and Sophists
- PHI 5410 Plato
- PHI 5420 Aristotle
- PHI 5450 British Empiricism
- PHI 5460 Kant

4. Select four 5000-level courses, which must total at least 14 credits

NOTE: Courses taken at the 5000-level which are used to satisfy any of requirements 1-3 may also be counted toward requirement 4, though the ten-course minimum for the major must still be met.

Law, Ethics and Justice Concentration

This option is intended for students who have a special interest in ethical issues, social justice, philosophy of law, or pre-law. A candidate pursuing this concentration must complete a minimum of ten courses in Philosophy, including the Core Courses (see above) as well as the following courses and selections from course groups:

1. One course in the History of Philosophy group

- PHI 2100 Ancient Greek Philosophy
2. Select one course from the Philosophical Problems Group
   PHI 2400  Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
   PHI 2550  Introduction to Philosophy of Science
   PHI 2650  Philosophy of Psychology
   PHI 3500  Theory of Knowledge
   PHI 3550  Metaphysics
   PHI 3600  Space, Time, and the Philosophy of Physics
   PHI 5210  Philosophy of Race and Racism
   PHI 5230  Philosophy of Science
   PHI 5500  Topics in Metaphysics
   PHI 5530  Topics in Epistemology
   PHI 5550  Philosophy of Mind
   PHI 5570  Philosophy of Language
   PHI 5630  Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy I

3. PHI 2320 - (PL) Introduction to Ethics

4. One course in Philosophy of Law, Politics, or Human Rights
   PHI 2330  Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
   PHI 2390  Philosophy of Human Rights
   PHI 3270  Foundations of Law
   PHI 5240  Social and Political Philosophy
   PHI 5270  Philosophy of Law
   PHI 5330  Ethics, Law, and Health
   Or other approved course in social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, or human rights. ¹

5. One course in Applied Ethics
   PHI 1100  Contemporary Moral Issues
   PHI 1110  Ethical Issues in Health Care
   PHI 1120  Professional Ethics
   PHI 1130  Environmental Ethics
   PHI 1500  Race, Sex, and Religion
   PHI 2360  Feminist Philosophy
   PHI 5250  Justice and Rights in Health Care
   PHI 5260  Philosophy of Sex and Gender

6. One advanced course in Ethics ²
   PHI 5280  History of Ethics
   PHI 5290  Free Will and Moral Responsibility
   PHI 5300  Foundations of Ethics

7. Two total 5000-level courses in the Theory of Value, from the following: 5240, 5250, 5260, 5270, 5280, 5290, 5300, and 5330 (choice for requirement 6 and any other 5000-level choices from above requirements count here too)

8. Four total 5000-level courses (choices for requirements 6 and 7, and any other 5000-level choices from above requirements count here too)

NOTE: Courses taken at the 5000-level which are used to satisfy any of requirements 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 may also be counted toward requirement 8), though the ten-course minimum must still be met.

Philosophy Honors

Admission to the honors program in philosophy is determined on the basis of the student's overall record. The student will normally be required to have

1. a minimum grade point average of 3.3,
2. credit in at least three philosophy courses, and
3. a 'B' or better average in philosophy courses.

To remain in the philosophy honors program, the student must maintain a 'B' or better average in philosophy courses.

Honors Requirements: To receive an Honors Degree, the candidate must complete the course requirements for the regular major. In addition the candidate must complete a total of at least fifteen credits of Honors-designated coursework, including:

1. PHI 4890 during the candidate's senior year;
2. one 4000-level seminar offered through the Honors College;
3. at least six additional credits of Honors-designated coursework in Philosophy (other than PHI 4890); and
4. additional credits of Honors-designated coursework as needed to reach the fifteen-credit minimum.

At graduation, the overall grade point average must be at least 3.3. If at any point the student fails to maintain Honors standards, his or her credits will automatically be counted towards the regular degree major. Students interested in becoming candidates for the Honors Degree in philosophy should consult the Department's undergraduate advisor as soon as possible.