



# Philosophy

## BS or BA

### Minimum Departmental Requirements

Philosophy Major	33
Philosophy Major: Concentration in Ethics	33
Philosophy Minor	18
Minimum Course Grade for Philosophy Major or Minor	C-
Grade Point Average to Declare a Major or Minor	2.5 Career GPA
Grade Point Average to Graduate with Major or Minor	2.5 GPA within Major/Minor Classes
A Minimum of 50 Percent of Major or Minor Credits Must Be Earned at USU.	50 Percent

- PHIL 3120 - Early Modern Philosophy (CI) 3
- \*PHIL 3150 - Kant and the Nineteenth Century (CI) 3
- \*PHIL 3180 - Contemporary European Philosophy (CI) 3
- PHIL 3500 - Medical Ethics 3
- PHIL 3530 - Environmental Ethics (DHA) 3
- PHIL 3580 – Ethics of Economic Life (DHA) 3
- PHIL 3600 - Philosophy of Religion (DHA) 3
- PHIL 3700 - Political Philosophy (DHA) 3
- PHIL 3710 - Philosophies of East Asia 3
- PHIL 3720 - Philosophical Theology 3
- PHIL 3820 - Theories of Sex and Gender (DHA) 3
- \*PHIL 4300 - Epistemology 3
- PHIL 4310 - Philosophy of Science (DHA) 3
- PHIL 4400 - Metaphysics 3
- PHIL 4410 - Philosophy of Mind 3
- \*PHIL 4500 - Contemporary Ethical Theory 3
- PHIL 4530 - Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC) 3
- OR ADVS 3200 - Ethical Issues in Genetic Eng. & Biotech (DSC) 3
- PHIL 4600 - Philosophy of Law 3
- OR POLS 4310 - History of Political Thought I (CI) 3
- OR POLS 4320 - History of Political Thought II (DSS) 3
- \*PHIL 4900 - Special Topics 3
- \*PHIL 4910 - Readings and Research 1-4
- PHIL 4920 - Senior Honors Seminar 1
- \*PHIL 4930 - Senior Honors Thesis 1-4
- PHIL 4990 - Philosophy Seminar 3

## Philosophy Major

(BA or BS) (33 credits)  
(2.5 GPA required in major classes)

### A. Required Courses (15 credits)

- PHIL 1120 - Social Ethics (BHU) 3  
OR PHIL 2400 - Ethics (BHU) 3
- PHIL 1250 - Practical Logic (BHU) 3  
OR \*PHIL 2200 - Deductive Logic (QI) 3
- PHIL 3100 - Ancient Philosophy (CI) 3  
OR \*PHIL 3110 - Medieval Philosophy 3
- PHIL 3120 - Early Modern Philosophy (CI) 3  
OR \*PHIL 3150 - Kant and the Nineteenth-Century (CI) 3
- \*PHIL 4300 Epistemology 3 OR PHIL 4310 Phil of Science 3 OR PHIL 4400 Metaphysics 3 OR PHIL 4410 Phil of Mind 3

### B. Elective Courses (15 credits)

Choose five other philosophy courses not already taken above, four of which must be at the upper-division level (3000 or higher).

- PHIL 1000 – Intro to Philosophy (BHU) 3
- PHIL 3100 - Ancient Philosophy (CI) 3
- \*PHIL 3110 - Medieval Philosophy 3

### C. Philosophy Senior Project Options (3 credits)

- I. “Thesis” Option: After completing at least 24 credits toward the Philosophy major, the student will enroll in PHIL 4910 (3 credits) with a faculty member and write an essay (around 20 pages); suitable for publication in an undergraduate journal on an agreed-upon topic.
- II. “Synthesis” Option: After completing at least 24 credits toward the Philosophy major, the student will enroll in PHIL 4910 (3 credits) with a faculty member and undertake a project which in some way documents or expresses the relevance of their philosophical studies to an important issue of contemporary life, or to their personal development. Students must work out in advance the details of the project, including grading criteria, with a faculty member.
- III. “Extra Class” Option: The student will complete an additional 3000 or 4000-level class (not 4910).

### D. Language Requirement (BA) or Science Requirement (BS)

To receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, students must also complete the foreign language requirement. To receive a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, students must take 12 credits in math or science beyond University Studies Requirements, as approved by advisor.

# College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies

## University Requirement Information as a Philosophy major:

Students must complete the General Education Requirements :  
PHIL 1000, 1120 or PHIL 2400 will fulfill the Humanities requirement in the Breadth requirements. Students must also complete the University Studies Depth Requirements :  
PHIL 3100 and PHIL 3120 will fulfill the Communications Intensive (CI) requirement .  
PHIL 2200 , if chosen for the major, will fulfill the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement.  
Complete at least 2 credits in approved 3000-level or above courses from each of the following two categories: Life and Physical Sciences (DSC) and Social Sciences (DSS). PHIL 4530, if chosen for a Philosophy major, will not fulfill the Depth Life and Physical Science (DSC) requirement. A Philosophy major should take ADVS 3200. It will fulfill the DSC requirement and count as a Philosophy elective course. PHIL 4530, if chosen for the minor will fulfill the Depth Life and Physical Science (DSC) requirement of most other CHASS college majors.

All philosophy majors must complete 33 credits of philosophy. Up to 6 *pass/fail* credits in philosophy courses may be applied toward the philosophy major.

## BA

### Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree signifies proficiency in one or more foreign languages. Specifically, the BA requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language by successful completion of one course at the 2020-level or higher (or its equivalent).

Or

Demonstration of proficiency in American Sign Language by successful completion of COMD 4920 and COMD 4780 , and by passing an ASL Proficiency exam and an interview.

Or

Demonstration of proficiency in two foreign languages by successful completion of the 1020 course level in one language and the 2010 course level in the second language (or its equivalent).

Or

Completion of an upper-division (3000-level or higher) foreign language grammar or literature course requiring the 2020 course level (or its equivalent) as a prerequisite. Conversation courses cannot be considered for satisfying this requirement.

For nonnative English-speaking students only, the following options are available: Successful completion of the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) program for international students.

Or

TOEFL, Michigan, or IELI placement scores high enough to meet the University admission criteria

\* Indicates this course has pre-requisites. See below. Check Course Descriptions in USU on-line General Catalog. Web: <http://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=241>

**PRE-REQUISITES** Effective Spring 2012, there are pre-requisites for several upper-division courses. They are as follows:

**3110 Medieval Philosophy:** Intro (1000) or Ancient (3100)

**3150 Kant and the 19th Century** (new title!): Intro (1000) or Early Modern (3120)

**3180 Contemporary European:** 1000 or 3100 or 3110 or 3120 or 3150 or 3600 or 4400 or 4410

**3720 Philosophical Theology** (new title!): 1000 or 3100 or 3120 or 3600

**4300 Epistemology:** 1000 or 3100 or 3110 or 3120 or 3150 or 3600 or 4310 or 4400 or 4410

**4500 Contemporary Ethical Theory:** 1000 or 1120 or 2400 or 3500 or 3510 or 3520

### Minimum University Requirements

Total Credits	120
Grade Point Average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU Credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits)	30
Completion of approved major program of study	See college advisor
Credits in minor (if required)	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECN 1500; HIST 1700; HIST 2700 or HIST 2710; HONR 1300; POLS 1100; or USU 1300	3

General Education Requirements and University Studies Depth Requirements

### Philosophy Section Coordinator:

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### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND MAJOR/MINOR REQUIREMENTS ACADEMIC ADVISOR:

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