Philosophy

Basic Requirements

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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

How many Major or Minor Credits Must Be Earned at USU: 50%

Philosophy Major

(BA or BS) (30 credits)

(2.5 GPA required in major classes)

A. Required Courses (18 credits)

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

B. Additional Required Course (3 credits)

Select one of the following:

- PHIL 3500 - Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3530 - Environmental Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3580 - Ethics and Economic Life (DHA)
- PHIL 4530 - Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC)

C. Elective Courses (9 credits) Choose 3 further philosophy courses, two of which must be at the upper-division level (3000 or higher). In addition to any of those listed above that have not been taken, the electives may include the following courses:

- PHIL 1000 - Intro to Philosophy (BHU)
- PHIL 1320 - The Good Life (BHU)
- PHIL 1500 – The Examined College Life: Educ & Its Ends (BHU)
- PHIL 2600 – Intro to Philosophy of Religions (BHU)
- PHIL 2988 – Special Problems
- PHIL 3100 - Ancient Philosophy (CI)
- *PHIL 3110 - Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 3120 - Early Modern Philosophy (CI)
- *PHIL 3150 - Kant and the Nineteenth Century (CI)
- *PHIL 3180 - Contemporary European Philosophy (CI)
- PHIL 3500 - Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3520 – Business Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3530 - Environmental Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3580 - Ethics and Economic Life (DHA)
- PHIL 3600 - Philosophy of Religion (DHA)
- PHIL 3700 - Political Philosophy (DHA)
- PHIL 3710 - Philosophies of East Asia
- PHIL 3720 – Philosophical Theology
- PHIL 3800 - Philosophy in Literature (DHA)
- PHIL 3810 – Philosophy of Art (DHA)
- PHIL 3820 - Theories of Sex and Gender (DHA)
- PHIL 3990 – Philosophy and Pop Culture (DHA)
- PHIL 4250 - Tolkien and Lewis on Myth and Truth
- PHIL 4300 - Epistemology (DHA)
- PHIL 4310 - Philosophy of Science (DHA)
- PHIL 4400 - Metaphysics
- PHIL 4410 - Philosophy of Mind (DHA)
- PHIL 4500 – Virtue Ethics
- PHIL 4530 - Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC)
- or ADVS 3200 - Ethical Issues/Gen Eng/Biotech (DSC)
- PHIL 4600 - Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 4900 – Special Topics
- PHIL 4910 - Readings and Research (1-4 cr.) (cannot count more than twice toward major or minor)
- PHIL 4930 - Senior Honors Thesis (1-4 cr.) (for Honors students)
- PHIL 4990 – Philosophy Seminar

* Indicates this course has a pre-requisite (only one need be taken):

2200 Deductive Logic: MATH 1030 or 1050, or STAT 1040 or 1045
3110 Medieval Philosophy: PHIL 1000, 1320, or 3100
3150 Kant & the 19th Century: PHIL 1000, 1320, or 3120
3180 Contemp. European: 1000, 1320, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3150, 3600, 4400, or 4410

D. Philosophy Senior Thesis Option

Philosophy majors are strongly encouraged, but not required, to write a thesis in their senior year. Writing a thesis develops skills of great value for graduate school or professional work. It also provides an excellent ‘capstone’ experience. For further details, please meet with your faculty advisor.

To explore or declare this major make an appointment at: https://chassadvising.usu.edu w/ Suzann Winn

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E. 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, approved by faculty advisor. An additional Science or Social Science major or minor will also complete the BS requirement for the Philosophy major.

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Meeting University Studies requirements:
Several philosophy courses meet USU’s University Studies requirements:
• PHIL 1000, 1120, 1320, or PHIL 2400 will fulfill the Breadth Humanities (BHU) requirement.
• PHIL 3100, 3120, 3150, and 3180 will fulfill the Communications Intensive (CI) requirement (two CIs must be taken).
• PHIL 2200 will fulfill the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement.
• PHIL 4530 will fulfill the Depth Life and Physical Science (DSC)

***So - for example - a student who takes PHIL 1000, 2200, 3100, 3120, 3820, and 4530 has met the BHU, QI, CI, DHA, and DSC requirements – and also has a Philosophy minor as well! ***

Students must also be sure to meet the requirements for Communication Literacy (CL), Quantitative Literacy (QL), and for Breadth (BAI, BCA, BLS, BPS, and BSS), as well as the Depth Social Sciences (DSS) requirement. Students should meet with an advisor for further details.

All philosophy majors must complete 30 credits of philosophy. Up to 6 pass/fail credits in philosophy courses may be applied toward the philosophy major.

Course Descriptions in USU on-line General Catalog. Web:
http://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=24