

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

The philosophy major is designed to help students listen carefully, think deeply, and present compellingly as they prepare for graduate studies in philosophy (leading to teaching careers in philosophy and related fields), in law (leading to careers associated with the legal profession), and in seminary (leading to ministry in the church both here and abroad); and to provide the best possible integrated liberal arts education (leading almost anywhere).

Program Outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy will be able to:

- show a general understanding of the work of major figures in the history of philosophy, including Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, and Kant
- evidence conversancy with the most important topics in a range of areas at the center of contemporary philosophical thought, including metaphysics, epistemology, ontology, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of language
- demonstrate familiarity with various ethical systems and how to apply them
- demonstrate familiarity with the field of logic, both formal and informal, and how to solve logical problems and proofs based on these forms of logic
- think analytically, creatively, and Christianly about philosophical texts and issues
- express philosophical ideas and defend them effectively in argument, both in writing and orally
- acquire the confidence, self-awareness, and preparation for graduate studies in philosophy, law school, seminary, or any area of life or the humanities

Requirements total 33 hours. These include 12 hours of humanities core, 12 hours of philosophy wrap-around core courses, and 9 hours from elective courses. Additionally, students may complete one or two emphases of 9 hours chosen as their elective hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Humanities Core		12
HUM 200	The Western Heritage I: From Antiquity to the Reformation	
HUM 210	The Western Heritage II: From the Scientific Revolution to the Twentieth Century	
HUM 220	Literary Classics of the Western World	
HUM 499	Humanities Capstone	
Philosophy Wrap-Around Core		12
PH 170	Logic	
PH 180	Introduction to Philosophy	
PH 431X	Contemporary Theory	
PH 460X	Seminar on Problems in Philosophy and the Philosophy of History	

Electives and Emphases

Philosophy majors are required to take select one of the following options:

- 9 additional hours of philosophy courses (or)
- the Christian Apologetics Emphasis (9 hours) (or)
- the Ethical Theory and Practice Emphasis (9 hours)

An emphasis is *not* required.

Christian Apologetics

Code	Title	Hours
PH 290	Christian Apologetics	3
Select two of the following		6
HI 358X	Christianity and Darwinism	
ME 5001	Foundations of Evangelism (Graduate level class available to qualified students)	
PH 351	Topics in Apologetics	
PH 363X	Survey of Religious Diversity	
PR 5600	Christian Faith and Contemporary Challenges (Graduate level class available to qualified students)	
PSY 430	Psychology of Religion	
Total Hours		9

HI 430	Seminar in Early Modern Europe	3
HI 471	Seminar in Colonial and Revolutionary America	3

Ethical Theory and Practice

Code	Title	Hours
PH 182	Ethics	3
or PH 482	Ethical Theory	
Select two of the following:		6
BE 6200	Ethical Theory (Graduate level class available to qualified students)	
BUS 490	Seminar in Business and Management Ethics	
PH 234	Love and Friendship	
PH 352	Topics in Ethics	
PH 474X	Introduction to Bioethics	
PH 475X	Topics in Bioethics	
PH 476X	Undergraduate Bioethics Institute	
PH 477X	Undergraduate National Conference	
Total Hours		9

Recommended Additional Courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ENG 306	Renaissance Literature	3
ENG 310	Romantic Literature	3
ENG 318	American Literature I: Puritanism Through Transcendentalism	3
ENG 320	American Literature II: Civil War Through Depression	3
ENG 350	Topics in Literature	1-3
ENG 406	Shakespeare	3
ENG 420	Capstone Seminar in the British Novel	3
HI 271	Topics in World History	3
HI 321X	American Church History	3
HI 322X	Topics in Church History	3
HI 325	Topics in European History	3
HI 340X	History of Christianity	3
HI 372	History of Ideas in America	3
HI 373	African American History	3
HI 375	Topics in American History	3
HI 376	Twentieth-Century American Cultural History	3