

Philosophy Major (PHI)

Philosophy studies the basic beliefs that support all of our thinking and living. These beliefs are about the nature and existence of the universe, God, persons, free will, space/time, and causality; about evidence, theory-testing, and rational judgment; and about justice, the good person, and moral education. The curriculum emphasizes the history of philosophy, as well as recent philosophical work concerning religion, science, business activity, environmental ethics, poverty, and social justice. Philosophy students will develop skills to evaluate critically what they read, to examine and to write clearly about what they believe, and to think in a cooperative way. These skills are useful in most careers and in graduate and advanced professional study. Majors often select an area of philosophy for independent study, and many students choose to double-major. The Department offers innovative tutorial courses to prepare students for study at Regent's Park College, Oxford University.

Students who successfully complete the major will:

- show basic understanding of major western traditions in ethics;
- show basic understanding of the history of western philosophy from the ancient world through the modern period;
- show basic understanding of formal symbolic logic and its application to arguments in ordinary language;
- analyze philosophical content effectively;
- apply independent research skills to philosophy;
- communicate effectively in writing;
- communicate ideas effectively in an oral format.

DEGREE TYPE: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

PROGRAM CONTACT: PROFESSOR Roger Ward

Department: Philosophy

Type: B.A.

Core Courses	15 hours
Required Course Selections	3 hours
Elective Courses	12 hours
Total	30

Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
PHI151	Ethics	3
PHI152	Logic	3
PHI201	History of Philosophy I	3
PHI307	History of Philosophy II	3
PHI450	Seminar	3

Required Course Selections

Complete one of the following:

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
PHI412	American Philosophy	3
PHI435	19th and 20th Century Philosophy	3

Elective Courses

Complete four courses from the following:

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
PHI195	Discovering Vocation	3
PHI325	Business Ethics	3
PHI335	Theories of Economic Justice	3
PHI345	Environmental Philosophy and Ethics	3
PHI355	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHI365	Social/Political Philosophy	3
PHI370	Topics in Philosophy	3
PHI385	Medical Ethics	3
PHI440	Independent Study	3
Total credits:		30