

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

Requirements

Philosophy majors must complete a minimum of ten philosophy courses. Courses fulfilling the period and area requirements are listed below.

Course	Title	Credits
Common Core Curriculum		
PHIL 1000	Philosophy of Human Nature ¹	
PHIL 3000	Philosophical Ethics ²	
Historical and Topical Courses ³		
<i>Option A:</i>		
One course in each of three of the four historical periods		
One course in each of two of the four topical areas		
<i>Option B:</i>		
One course in each of two of the four historical periods		
One course in each of three of the four topical areas		
Elective courses		
Three additional courses		

¹ For Fordham College at Rose Hill Honors Program students, HPRH 1103 Foundational Texts: Philosophy fulfills the Philosophy of Human Nature requirement.

² For Fordham College at Rose Hill Honors Program students, HPRH 2202 Focused Study: Philosophy fulfills the Philosophical Ethics requirement.

³ Any course with the PHIL subject code or PHIL attribute (including EP4, Interdisciplinary capstone courses, American Pluralism, and Global Studies) may fulfill the elective requirement. Graduate-level courses with the PHIL subject code may also count as electives, though special approval to register for such courses may be required.

All majors are strongly encouraged to acquire a broad background in the history of philosophy and to take at least one course in logic. Majors planning to do graduate work are advised to take Symbolic Logic.

Historical period courses

Courses are offered across four historical periods: (1) ancient; (2) medieval; (3) classical modern and 19th-century; and (4) contemporary, which is 20th- and 21st-century.

Ancient Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHAN attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
GREK 3012	Plato: Socratic Dialogues	4
PHIL 3501	Ancient Philosophy	4
PHIL 3502	Pre-Socratic Philosophy	4
PHIL 3504	Stoics and Skeptics	4
PHIL 3520	Philosophy of Aristotle	4
PHIL 3522	Aristotle's Ethics	4
PHIL 3525	Philosophy of Plato	4
PHIL 3526	Plato: The Unread Dialogues	4
PHIL 3530	Philosophy After Constantine	4

Medieval Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHMD attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
MVST 3552	Medieval Philosophy	4
MVST 3590	Medieval Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 3552	Medieval Philosophy	4
PHIL 3557	Confessions of Augustine	4
PHIL 3560	Philosophy of Aquinas	4
PHIL 3565	Four Medieval Thinkers	4
PHIL 3570	Beauty in the Middle Ages	4
PHIL 3591	Medieval Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 3910	Shakespeare and Aquinas	4

Classical Modern and 19th Century Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHCM attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 3600	Descartes and the Rationalists	4
PHIL 3601	Modern Philosophy	4
PHIL 3604	Rationalists and Empiricists Epistemologies	4
PHIL 3606	Early Modern Philosophy: Self and World	4
PHIL 3609	Modernity and Its Critics	4
PHIL 3610	Ethics in the Enlightenment	4
PHIL 3620	Immanuel Kant	4
PHIL 3622	Kierkegaard	4
PHIL 3623	Marx as a Philosopher	4
PHIL 3630	Nietzsche	4
PHIL 3631	19th Century Philosophy	4
PHIL 3714	Kant and Hegel	4
PHIL 3715	Kant on Morality and Religion	4
PHIL 3716	Hegel and His Successors	4

Contemporary Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHCO attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
COLI 3652	Contemporary French Philosophy	4
PHIL 3643	Heidegger: Being and Time	4
PHIL 3652	Contemporary French Philosophy	4
PHIL 3653	Latin American Philosophy	4
PHIL 3661	Husserl and Heidegger	4
PHIL 3662	Merleau-Ponty: Philosopher of the Body	4
PHIL 3664	Contemporary Thomism	4
PHIL 3670	Existentialism	4
PHIL 3671	Phenomenology and Existentialism	4
PHIL 3672	Continental Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL 3673	Existentialism and Literature	4
PHIL 3865	Critical Theory of the Frankfurt School	4
PHIL 3907	Existentialist Feminism	4

Topical Area courses

Courses are offered across four topical areas: metaphysics; knowledge and method; human nature; moral political, and social philosophy.

Metaphysics courses

Courses in this group have the PHME attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 3238	Idealism and Realism	4
PHIL 3245	Mind, Language, and World	4
PHIL 3301	Problem of God	4
PHIL 3330	Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL 3348	Concepts and Reality	4
PHIL 3350	Problems in Metaphysics	4
PHIL 3354	Problem of Evil	4
PHIL 3355	Metaphysics	4
PHIL 3360	Contemporary Metaphysics	4
PHIL 3667	Philosophy of Space and Time	4
PHIL 3753	Philosophy of the Islamic World	4

Knowledge and Method courses

Courses in this group have the PHKM attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 3200	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 3204	Symbolic Logic	4
PHIL 3230	How to Keep an Open Mind: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives	4
PHIL 3235	Theories of Knowledge	4
PHIL 3243	Philosophy of Cognitive Science	4
PHIL 3250	Problems in Epistemology	4
PHIL 3253	Relativism and Philosophy	4
PHIL 3254	Philosophy of Perception	4
PHIL 3257	Skepticism	4
PHIL 3258	Relativism and Skepticism	4
PHIL 3266	Philosophy of Science	4
PHIL 3267	Feyerabend's Philosophy of Science	4
PHIL 3306	Faith After the Death of God	4
PHIL 3307	Faith and Rationality	4
PHIL 3655	Philosophy and Language	4
PHIL 3663	Philosophies of Translation	4
PHIL 3702	Rights, Justice, and Global Governance	4
PHIL 3850	Hermeneutics	4
PHIL 3947	Philosophy of Imagination	4

Meaning and Human Experience courses

Courses in this group have the PHHN attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 3181	Philosophy of Technology	4
PHIL 3412	Philosophy of Emotions	4
PHIL 3422	Harry Potter and Philosophy	4
PHIL 3425	Philosophy and the Jesuit Tradition	4
PHIL 3559	Dante and Philosophy	4

PHIL 3672	Continental Philosophy of Religion	4
PHIL 3674	Philosophy of the Novel	4
PHIL 3725	Philosophies of Race	4
PHIL 3731	Philosophy of the City	4
PHIL 3901	Philosophical Issues of Feminism	4
PHIL 3903	Philosophy and Feminist Theory	4
PHIL 3905	Philosophy of Disability	4
PHIL 3906	Emotions and the Good Life	4
PHIL 3908	Philosophy of Happiness	4
PHIL 3920	Evil Choices	4
PHIL 3930	Philosophy and Literature	4
PHIL 3943	Philosophy and Science Fiction	4
PHIL 3944	Philosophy and Poetry	4
PHIL 3945	Philosophy and Art	4
PHIL 3975	Philosophy as a Way of Life	4
PHIL 3977	Love, Emotion, and Meaning	4
PHIL 3978	Philosophy and Digital Media	4
PHIL 3979	Philosophy and Media	4

Moral, Political, and Social Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHMP attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 3109	Environmental Ethics	4
PHIL 3125	Hume's Ethics	4
PHIL 3130	Philosophy of Law	4
PHIL 3131	Philosophy of Economics	4
PHIL 3140	Market Failures, Public Goods, and Justice	4
PHIL 3145	Democracy and Constitutional Order: Classical American Philosophy	4
PHIL 3195	Political Libertarians and Critics	4
PHIL 3310	Issues in Philosophy of Law	4
PHIL 3701	Human Rights Theories: Foundations and History	4
PHIL 3703	The Notion of Human Dignity: Meaning and Justification	4
PHIL 3710	Healthcare Justice	4
PHIL 3711	Humanitarianism and Philosophy	4
PHIL 3712	Global Environment and Justice	4
PHIL 3713	Human Rights and Global Justice	4
PHIL 3810	Democratic Theory	4
PHIL 3815	Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 3904	Feminist Philosophy	4
PHIL 3935	Ethics and Mental Health	4
PHIL 3940	Neuroethics	4
PHIL 3980	Contemporary Issues in Metaethics	4
PHIL 3981	Ethics and the Internet	4
PHIL 3990	Environmental Worldviews and Ethics	4
PHIL 4001	Politics and Biopower	4
PHIL 4044	Modern Ethical Theories	4

Availability

The major in philosophy is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, and Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Rose Hill and Lincoln Center.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.*

Professional and Continuing Studies students: *The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.*

CIP Code

38.0101 - Philosophy.

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