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 4
PHIL 3000 Philosophical Ethics 4

Other Courses

Option A:

One course in each of three of the four historical periods
One course in each of two of the four topical areas

Option B:

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

Philosophy majors who wish to concentrate on political philosophy may do so through an individualized major program as described under Interdisciplinary Programs. For details, see the associate chair for undergraduate studies.

Upon declaring a major or minor in philosophy, students should contact the associate chair on the relevant campus to select a faculty adviser to assist in planning his or her program.

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
PHIL 4410 Love and Empire 4

Medieval philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PHMD attribute.

Course Title Credits
PHIL 3552 Medieval Philosophy 4
PHIL 3557 Confessions of Augustine 4
PHIL 3560 Philosophy of Aquinas 4
PHIL 3565 Four Medieval Thinkers 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 3609 Modernity and Its Critics 4
PHIL 3620 Immanuel Kant 4
PHIL 3623 Marx as a Philosopher 4
PHIL 3631 19th Century Philosophy 4
PHIL 3714 Kant and Hegel 4
PHIL 3715 Kant on Morality and Religion 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 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 Frankfurt School 4
PHIL 3907 Existentialist Feminism 4
PHIL 7235 Husserl’s ‘Ideas II’ 3

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 3301 Problem of God 4
PHIL 3330 Philosophy of Religion 4
PHIL 3348 Concepts and Reality 4
PHIL 3350 Problems in Metaphysics 4

1 Any course with the PHIL subject code may fulfill this requirement.
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**Knowledge and method courses**

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### Meaning and human experience courses

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### Moral political, and social philosophy courses

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**Availability**

The major in philosophy is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in philosophy only if their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.

**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.

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