

Philosophy

Program Coordinator

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The philosophy program offers a wide range of courses examining the human condition. Specific courses foster a range of critical thinking skills and examine a broad array of questions central to both western and eastern thought. Students are challenged both to broaden their horizons and to examine their own beliefs in light of the thinkers discussed and the texts read.

Philosophy Minor

Required Courses		6
PHIL 100	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	
Elect four courses from the following		12
PHIL 102	Philosophy of Human Nature	
PHIL 201	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 210	Ethics	
PHIL 330	Political Philosophy	
PHIL 380	Existentialism	
PHIL 383	Asian Philosophy	
SS 399	Readings in Social Science	
HON 351H	Integrity & The Examined Life	
Total Hours		18

Philosophy Concentration

Required Courses (6 cr)

Select no more than two of the following:		6
PHIL 100	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 102	Philosophy of Human Nature	
Electives		6
(select at least two 200-400 level courses from the following):		
PHIL 201	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 210	Ethics	
PHIL 330	Political Philosophy	
PHIL 380	Existentialism	
PHIL 383	Asian Philosophy	
SS 399	Readings in Social Science	
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Total Hours		12

Courses

PHIL 100. Critical Thinking. 3 Hours.

The study of effective thinking, both logic and evaluative.

PHIL 101. Introduction to Philosophy. 3 Hours.

Basic problems, concepts, and methods of philosophy.

PHIL 102. Philosophy of Human Nature. 3 Hours.

Focuses on what it means to be a human being and the so-called "nature-nurture controversy."

PHIL 201. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Hours.

A critical examination of the reasonability of religious belief. The existence of God, the problem of evil, and other topics will be discussed.

PHIL 210. Ethics. 3 Hours.

A study of traditional concepts in ethical theory and moral reasoning.

PHIL 299. Special Topics In Philosophy. 1-8 Hour.

PHIL 330. Political Philosophy. 3 Hours.

This course examines the basic principles and features of the major political philosophies and systems of government.

PHIL 380. Existentialism. 3 Hours.

A careful examination of major existentialist thinkers (Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, etc.) and dominant existential themes: alienation, mortality, the meaning of life, and God.

PHIL 383. Asian Philosophy. 3 Hours.

A critical examination to the leading eastern worldviews: Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and the eastern views.

PHIL 394. Advanced Philosophy. 3 Hours.

PHIL 399. Independent Study General Phil. 1-4 Hour.

PHIL 494. Independent Study Honors Phil. 1-8 Hour.

PHIL 499. Special Topics In Philosophy. 1-8 Hour.