

Philosophy, A.A.

Requirements

Interest in studying philosophy begins with the desire to engage life's greatest questions: finding the meaning of human existence, making sense of reality and our place in the cosmos, giving systematic form to our ethical and political intuitions, explaining the history of human ideas, and other equally significant problems. Often students wonder how the study of philosophy can provide the foundation for successful and meaningful employment. Contrary to popular belief, a philosophy major is one of the best preparations possible for careers in a large number of different areas. An article in the London Times rightly called philosophy the "ultimate 'transferable work skill'" insofar as it prepares students for a wide array of practical services. As a group, philosophy majors consistently score at or near the top on standardized tests, gain employment on graduation at higher than average rates, rank highly in median mid-career salary, and enjoy a well-earned reputation for rigorous thinking. In fact, the Association of American Colleges and Universities tells students, "[y]our specific choice of major matters far less than the knowledge and skills you gain through all your studies and experiences in college. In terms of jobs, employers don't hire majors. They hire individuals with potential to succeed over the long term and add value to their companies or organizations." The study of philosophy, one of the oldest and most rigorous disciplines, provides students with critical thinking, writing, and arguing skills necessary to succeed in today's competitive working environments.

Total Program Credits: 60

General Education Requirements:			35 Credits
	ENGL 1010	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	NGH 1005	Literacies and Composition Across Context (5.0)	
	ENGL 2010	Intermediate Writing Academic Writing and Research	3
Complete one of the following:			3
	MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning (recommended for Humanities or Arts majors) (3.0)	
	MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6.0)	
	STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics (recommended for Social Science majors) (3.0)	
	STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5.0)	
	MATH 1050	College Algebra (recommended for Business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors) (4.0)	
	MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5.0)	
	MATH 1090	College Algebra for Business (recommended for Business majors) (3.0)	
Complete one of the following:			3
	HIST 2700	US History to 1877 (3.0)	
and	HIST 2710	US History since 1877 (3.0)	
	HIST 1700	American Civilization (3.0)	
	HIST 1740	US Economic History (3.0)	
	POLS 1000	American Heritage (3.0)	
	POLS 1100	American National Government (3.0)	

Complete the following:			
	PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 1100	Personal Health and Wellness	2
or	PES 1097	Fitness for Life (2.0)	
Distribution Courses:			
	Biology		3
	Physical Science		3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science		3
	Humanities		3
	Fine Arts		3
	Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements:			16 Credits
Complete the following:			
	PHIL 1000	Introduction to Philosophy	3
	PHIL 120R	Philosophy Forum	1
	PHIL 1610	Introduction to Western Religions	3
or	PHIL 1620	Introduction to Eastern Religions (3.0)	
	PHIL 2000	Formal Logic I	3
	PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy WE	3
	PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy	3
Elective Requirements:			9 Credits
	Same Foreign Language		8
	Any course 1000 level or higher		1

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)
3. Residency hours-- minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. For the AA degree, completion of 8 credit hours of course work from one language.

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Philosophy, A.A. Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in [Wolverine Track](#).

Milestone courses (pre-requisites for a course in one of the subsequent semesters) are marked in red and italicized.

Semester 1	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>ENGL 1010* or ENGH 1005</i>	Introduction to Academic Writing or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
American Institutions-AS	Refer to GE (HIST 2700 and HIST 2710, HIST 1700, HIST 1740, POLS 1000, POLS 1100)	3
HLTH 1100/ PES 1097	Personal Health & Wellness/Fitness for Life	2
PHIL 1000	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Elective		1
	Semester total:	12
Notes: *based on test scores, see advisor for details		
Semester 2	Course Title	Credit Hours
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Writing/Academic Writing and Research	3
MAT 1030 or MAT 1035 or STAT 1040 or STAT 1045 or MATH 1050 or MATH 1055 or MATH 1090	Quantitative Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra or Introduction to Statistics or Introduction to Statistics with Algebra or College Algebra or College Algebra with Preliminaries or College Algebra for Business**	3
Fine Arts-FF	Refer to GE**	3
Humanities-HH	HUM 1010-Humanities Through the Arts (recommended)	3
Foreign Language	Foreign Language 1010**	4
	Semester total:	16
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 3	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>PHIL 2050/205G/205H</i>	Ethics and Values**	3
Biology	Refer to GE**	3
PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy WE	3
PHIL 1610/1620	Intro to Western Religions/Intro to Eastern Religions	3
Foreign Language	Foreign Language 1020**	4
	Semester total:	16
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 4	Course Title	Credit Hours

Physical Science	Refer to GE**	3
Third Science	Refer to GE (BB or PP)**	3
PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy	3
Social/ Behavioral Science-SS	Refer to GE**	3
PHIL 2000	Formal Logic I	3
PHIL 120R	Philosophy Forum	1
	Semester total:	16
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
	Degree total:	60