

Philosophy, B.S.

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: 120

General Education Requirements:			35 Credits
	ENGL 1010	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	ENGL 1005	Literacies and Composition Across Contexts (5)	
	ENGL 2010	Intermediate Writing/Academic Writing and Research	3
Complete one of the following:			3
	MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning (3) (recommended for Humanities or Arts majors)	
	MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6)	
	STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics (3) (recommended for Social Science majors)	
	STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5)	
	MATH 1050	College Algebra (4) (recommended for Business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
	MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
	MATH 1090	College Algebra for Business (3) (recommended for Business majors)	
Complete one of the following:			3
	HIST 2700	US History to 1877 (3)	
and	HIST 2710	US History since 1877 (3)	
	HIST 1700	American Civilization (3)	
	HIST 1740	US Economic History (3)	
	POLS 1000	American Heritage (3)	
	POLS 1100	American National Government (3)	
Complete the following:			

	PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 1100	Personal Health and Wellness (2)	
or	PES 1097	Fitness for Life	2
Distribution Courses:			
	Biology		3
	Physical Science		3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science		3
	Humanities Distribution		3
	Fine Arts Distribution		3
	Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements:			38 Credits
Complete the following:			
	PHIL 120R	Philosophy Forum	1
	PHIL 2000	Formal Logic I	3
	PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy WE	3
	PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy	3
	PHIL 480R	Philosophy Capstone Prep	1
	PHIL 4910	Philosophy Research Capstone WE	3
Ethics Set (complete 3 credits from the following):			3
	PHIL 3510	Business and Professional Ethics (3)	
	PHIL 3520	Bioethics (3)	
	PHIL 3530	Environmental Ethics (3)	
	PHIL 3540	Christian Ethics (3)	
	PHIL 355G	Moral Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 3700	Social and Political Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 450R	Interdisciplinary Senior Ethics Seminar (3)	
	PHIL 451R	Ethical Theory Seminar (3)	
History Set (complete 3 credits from the following):			3
	PHIL 4140	History of Analytic Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 4150	History of Continental Philosophy (3)	
Topics Set I (complete 3 credits, not previously completed, from the following)			3
	PHIL 3040	Formal Logic II (3)	
	PHIL 3200	Metaphysics (3)	
	PHIL 3300	Epistemology (3)	
	PHIL 3400	Philosophy of Science (3)	
	PHIL 4140	History of Analytic Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 4470	Philosophy of Mind (3)	
	PHIL 4480	Philosophy of Language (3)	
Topic Set II (complete 3 credits, not previously completed, from the following):			3
	PHIL 3470	Pragmatism and American Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 3750	Marxist Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 3810	Existentialism and Phenomenology (3)	
	PHIL 386R	Topics in Ancient Philosophy (3)	

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	PHIL 4130	Nineteenth Century European Philosophy (3)	
	PHIL 4150	History of Continental Philosophy (3)	
Complete 12 additional credits of Philosophy course work, at least 9 of which must be upper-division (excluding those courses taken to fulfill categories listed above).			12
Elective Requirements:			47 Credits
	Any course 1000 or higher; 15 credits must be upper-division		47

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)
3. Residency hours--minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. Completion of 40 hours of upper-division credit.
6. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.

Note: It is recommended that students planning on earning a Baccalaureate Degree in Philosophy take a foreign language, preferably French or German, in their Freshman and Sophomore academic years. PHIL 120R, PHIL 290R, PHIL 295R, PHIL 400R, PHIL 492R, PHIL 450R, and PHIL 451R can be repeated for credit.

Philosophy, B.S. 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
Elective: MAT 1010*	Intermediate Algebra	4
American Institutions	Refer to GE	3
HLTH 1100/ PES 1097	Personal Health and Wellness/Fitness for Life	2
Elective		4
	Semester total:	16
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 MAH 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
PHIL 1250	Logical Thinking & Philosophical Writing (lower-division philosophy elective)	3
Humanities	HUM 1010-Humanities Through the Arts (recommended)	3
Elective		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
Social/ Behavioral Science	Refer to GE**	3
Elective		4
<i>PHIL 2110</i>	Ancient Greek Philosophy WE	3
	Semester total:	16
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Semester 4	Course Title	Credit Hours

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Physical Science	Refer to GE**	3
Fine Art	Refer to GE**	3
Elective		4
<i>PHIL 2150</i>	Early Modern Philosophy (Spring)	3
PHIL 120R	Philosophy Forum	1
	Semester total:	14
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 5	Course Title	Credit Hours
Third Science	Refer to GE (BB or PP)**	3
ETHICS SET	Refer to list**	3
PHIL 2000	Formal Logic I	3
TOPIC II SET	Refer to list**	3
Elective	any course 1000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
	Semester total:	15
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 6	Course Title	Credit Hours
TOPIC I SET	Refer to list**	3
PHIL Elective	any PHIL course 3000-level or higher	3
PHIL Elective	any PHIL course 3000-level or higher	3
Elective	any course 1000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
Elective	any course 1000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
	Semester total:	15
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 7	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>PHIL 480R</i>	Philosophy Capstone Prep	1
HISTORY SET	Refer to list** (Fall)	3
PHIL Elective	any PHIL course 3000-level or higher	3
Elective	any course 1000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
Upper-Division Elective	any course 3000-level or higher, minor recommended	4
	Semester total:	14
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
Semester 8	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL 4910	Philosophy Research Capstone WE	3
Upper-Division Elective	any course 3000-level or higher, minor recommended	2
Upper-Division Elective	any course 3000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
Upper-Division Elective	any course 3000-level or higher, minor recommended	3
Upper-Division Elective	any course 3000-level or higher, minor recommended	3

	Semester total:	14
Notes: **see advisor to discuss best option		
	Degree total:	120