

# Requirements for the Philosophy MAJOR

Welcome to the Philosophy Department! The following is a brief overview of the requirements for the Philosophy Major. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people for advising:

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The Major in Philosophy calls for a minimum of **36 units** of philosophy coursework that meets the following six requirements:

## 1. Area Requirement

Students are to take courses from the four Areas in the table below, in the quantities indicated:

Areas	Minimum #
<b>I</b> Ethics and Value Theory	3 courses
<b>II</b> Metaphysics and Epistemology	3 courses
<b>III</b> History of Philosophy	3 courses
<b>IV</b> Logic and Formal Methods	1 course

Students select the courses (from each of the above Areas) that they wish to take. Before taking any 5000-level course, however, it is strongly recommended that students take at least one 3000- or 4000-level course from that same Area. Depending on the student's post-graduation plans, specific courses may be highly recommended.

## 2. Advanced Course Requirement

At least three courses of the total 36 units must come from the 5000-level (or higher). These advanced courses may at the same time satisfy the Area Requirement. Before taking any 5000-level class, you should *first* take at least one 3000-level class in that Area.

**3. Senior Seminar Requirement – CW Requirement** Majors must take the Senior Seminar, Phil 4010. Students need not wait till their *senior* year to take this course, though it is aimed at advanced majors. The minimum prerequisites for taking the Senior Seminar are that the student have *already completed* at least one course from each of Areas I, II, and III, in the Area Requirement table above.

## 4. Elective Requirement

If meeting the above requirements brings your total to 36 units, you need not take any further courses in philosophy. Otherwise, an elective course will be needed to bring the total to 36.

Please note that while not every course the philosophy department offers counts towards the Area Requirement (for a complete listing, please see the back side of this sheet), all courses are eligible to count toward the Elective Requirement. You may, of course, take many more than one elective. Doing so will enhance your philosophical education. Additional electives will, after all, count towards the 122 total number of units needed for the University Baccalaureate Degree Requirements.

## 5. Grade Requirement

The Grade Requirement has three parts. First, only coursework taken for a letter grade will contribute to the above requirements; CR/NC coursework will not count. Second, no individual course receiving a grade lower than C- will count for any of the above requirements. Third, the overall grade-point average (GPA) for courses meeting the above requirements must be at least 2.00.

## 6. Residence Requirement

Various of the above requirements may, in special cases, and with approval, be satisfied with transfer credit. Requirements 2 and 3 are exceptions: in all cases, the Advanced Course Requirement and the Seminar Requirement must be satisfied by course work completed at the University of Utah.

**Area 1 – Ethics & Value Theory – 3 courses needed**

- 3011: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3080: Philosophy of Feminism (DV)
- 3390: Technology & Design Ethics
- 3500: Ethics (HF)
- 3510: Business Ethics (HF)
- 3520: Bioethics (HF)
- 3530: Environmental Ethics (HF)
- 3570: Research Ethics
- 3700: Political Philosophy (HF)
- 3710: Philosophy of Law
- 3730: Justice & International Affairs (IR)
- 3750: Philosophy in Literature
- 3790: Film & Philosophy
- 3800: Philosophy of Art
- 3820: Meaning of Life
- 4540: Engineering, Ethics, & Society
- 5130: History of Ethical Theory
- 5191: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5500: Contemporary Ethical Theory
- 5510: Applied Ethics
- 5520: Advanced Bioethics
- 5530: Environmental Philosophy
- 5700: Advanced Political Philosophy
- 5790: Advanced Film and Philosophy
- 5800: Topics in Philosophy of Art

**Area 2 – Metaphysics & Epistemology – 3 courses needed**

- 3012: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3300: Theory of Knowledge
- 3310: Science & Society (HF)
- 3350: History & Philosophy of Science (CW)
- 3370: Philosophy of Biology (CW)
- 3375: Philosophy of Social Science
- 3380: Feminist Philosophy of Science (CWDV)
- 3400: Mind, Language, & Reality
- 3440: Cognitive Science (HF)
- 3600: Philosophy of Religion
- 3870: Philosophy of Race (DV)
- 4380: Philosophy of Physics
- 4400: Metaphysics
- 4450: Philosophy of Mind

- 4480: Philosophy of Language
- 5192: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5300: Epistemology
- 5350: Topics of Philosophy of Science
- 5370: Philosophy of Biology
- 5375: Topics in Philosophy of Social Science
- 5400: Metaphysics
- 5450: Philosophy of Mind
- 5480: Philosophy of Language

**Area 3 – History of Philosophy – 3 courses needed**

- 3013: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3040: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy
- 3060: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy
- 3085: History of African American Philosophy
- 3086: History of Latin American Philosophy
- 3100: Survey of Ancient Greek Philosophy
- 3110: Survey of Medieval Philosophy
- 3120: Survey of Early Modern Philosophy
- 3130: Survey of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- 3810: Existentialism
- 4140: Classical Chinese Philosophy
- 5040: Advanced 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- 5060: Advanced 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental
- 5100: Advanced Ancient Philosophy
- 5110: Advanced Medieval Philosophy
- 5120: Advanced Early Modern Philosophy
- 5145: Topics in Classical Chinese Philosophy
- 5193: Philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5360: Topics in the History of Science

**Area 4 – Logic and Formal Methods – 1 course needed**

- 3200: Deductive Logic (QBQI)
- 3210: Inductive Logic
- 5200: Advanced Deductive Logic
- 5210: Advanced Inductive Logic
- 5220: Rational Choice Theory

**History and Philosophy of Science Courses (HPSCI) – Courses will not count toward fulfillment of philosophy major**

- HPSCI 3900: Special Topics in History of Philosophy of Science
- HPSCI 3950: History of Women in Science, Technology, & Medicine (CWDV)
- HPSCI 5900: Special Topics in History of Philosophy of Science