

Department of Philosophy

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The Department of Philosophy offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Philosophy.

Undergraduate Program

Students majoring in philosophy are required to take a total of at least 36 credits of philosophy courses, which must include the following required courses: PHIL 210, PHIL 211, PHIL 213, and PHIL 214. Students should also choose, under the supervision of the department, a balanced program of systematic and historical courses and maintain a cumulative average of 70 or more in the required Civilization Sequence Program courses.

Students choosing a minor in philosophy are required to take a total of fifteen credits in philosophy, including two of the following courses: PHIL 210, PHIL 211, PHIL 213, and PHIL 214.

PHIL 101 Applied Philosophy 3.0; 3 cr.
A course that deals with philosophical questions which have practical import; it aims to introduce students to the philosophical mode of analysis. *Each semester.*

PHIL 102 Philosophical Classics 3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the thought of some major figures in the history of philosophy. *Each semester.*

PHIL 201 Introduction to Philosophy 3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to philosophy and its methods through an analysis of traditional issues in ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, and the philosophy of religion. *Each semester.*

PHIL 205 Bio-Medical Ethics 3.0; 3 cr.
A philosophical examination of a number of ethical topics in the field of biology and medicine, such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, infanticide, eugenics, genetic engineering, allocation of medical resources, experimentation on animals and humans, and so on. *Annually.*

PHIL 206 Business Ethics 3.0; 3 cr.
A philosophical examination of a number of ethical topics arising in the areas of business and management, such as fraud and corruption, product safety, insider trading, honesty in advertising, discriminatory hiring practices, and so on. *Offered occasionally.*

PHIL 209 Environmental Ethics 3.0; 3 cr.
An attempt to identify and discuss the major ethical and philosophical aspects of issues related to the environment and to determine the environment-related responsibilities and obligations incurred by people at the individual and collective levels. *Annually.*

- PHIL 224** **Philosophy of Religion** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An in-depth survey of the main philosophical questions connected to religion, including questions about religion as a feature of human experience, as well as questions connected to the nature of God, evil, free will, and so on. *Alternate years.*
- PHIL 230** **Philosophy of Plato** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An introduction to some of Plato's major dialogues. *Offered occasionally.*
- PHIL 231** **Philosophy of Aristotle** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An introductory examination of the physics, metaphysics, logic, ethics, and politics of Aristotle. *Offered occasionally.*
- PHIL 232** **Islamic Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An examination of the philosophical and religious thought of the major philosophers of Islam. *Offered either in Arabic or in English. Alternate years.*
- PHIL 249** **Philosophy of Feminism** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An examination of philosophical issues relating to gender relations and the foundations of feminist theory; issues addressed primarily involve the ethical or epistemological content of feminist theory. *Alternate years.*
- PHIL 250** **Special Topics in Logic** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 251** **Special Topics in Ethics** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 252** **Special Topics in Political Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 253** **Special Topics in Aesthetics** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 254** **Special Topics in Metaphysics** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 255** **Special Topics in Epistemology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 256** **Special Topics in the Philosophy of Science** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 257** **Special Topics in the Philosophy of Language** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 258** **Special Topics in the Philosophy of Mind** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 260/261** **Special Topics in the History of Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 262/263** **Special Topics in Contemporary Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.

24 + 12 Credits in Philosophy

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12+12+24)	Social Sciences (Unspecified)	Sciences, Math, and Technology (Unspecified)
Lecture Courses (9+12+36)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B, or any upper level course (3) 2. Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 163–65) 2. Four required philosophy courses (12): PHIL 210(3), 211(3), 213(3), 214(3) 3. 8 elective courses from the following lecture and/or seminar courses (24): 201(3), 205(3), 206(3), 209(3), 215(3), 216(3), 217(3), 218(3), 219(3), 220(3), 221(3), 222(3), 223(3), 224(3), 230(3), 231(3), 232(3) Elective philosophy courses: PHIL 250(3), 251(3), 252(3), 253(3), 254(3), 255(3), 256(3), 257(3), 258(3), 259(3), 260(3), 261(3), 262(3), 263(3) 	Electives	Electives (min. 3): recommended is a course in computer literacy
Seminar (33)				
Laboratory (0)				Computer Lab (3)
Research Project (93)		PHIL 210, 213–224, 230–232, 249–263		

THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO JOINED THEIR MAJOR AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2001–02. STUDENTS WHO JOINED A MAJOR PRIOR TO THAT DATE SHOULD CONSULT THE 2000–01 CATALOGUE.

Graduate Program

General requirements for graduate study are found in the Graduate Studies section at the end of this catalogue. The requirements for an MA in philosophy consist of 21 credit hours in philosophy courses numbered 300 or above and a thesis, together with any additional prerequisite courses required by the department to make up for deficiencies in undergraduate preparation.

PHIL 300	Special Topics in Logic	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 301	Special Topics in Ethics	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 302	Special Topics in Political Philosophy	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 303	Special Topics in Aesthetics	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 304	Special Topics in Metaphysics	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 305	Special Topics in Epistemology	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 306	Special Topics in the Philosophy of Science	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 307	Special Topics in the Philosophy of Language	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 308	Special Topics in the Philosophy of Mind	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 310/311	Special Topics in the History of Philosophy	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 312/313	Special Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 320/321	Graduate Tutorials	3.0; 3 cr.
<i>Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.</i>		
PHIL 399	MA Thesis	9 cr.