Philosophy, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least one course in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least five courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least six courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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First Year

Fall

- PHIL:1861 Introduction to Philosophy b, c, d 3
- ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric 3 - 4
- GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion e 3
- GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts e 3
- CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring

- PHIL:1636 Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate d, f 3
- RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
- GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab e 4
- GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences e 3
- Elective course e 3

Hours 14-15

Second Year

Fall

- PHIL:2111 Ancient Philosophy 3

Spring

- PHIL:2215 Modern Philosophy or PHIL:2216 or PHIL:2214 or Eighteenth-Century Philosophy or Seventeenth-Century Philosophy 3
- GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives e 3
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course h 4 - 5
- Elective course g 3
- Elective course g 3

Hours 16-17

Third Year

Fall

- Major: metaphysics/epistemology course 3
- Major: value theory course 3
- GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab e 3
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course h 4 - 5
- Elective course g 3
- Elective course g 3
- Elective course g 3

Hours 16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

- Major: upper-level course numbered 4000 or above (prefix PHIL) i, j 3
- Elective course g 3
- Elective course g 3
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Hours 15

Spring

- Major: upper-level course numbered 4000 or above (prefix PHIL) i, j 3
- Elective course g 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) k

Hours 15

Total Hours 124-130

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b Students may choose from PHIL:1033, PHIL:1034, PHIL:1401, PHIL:1636, or PHIL:1861. A student is not required to take any 1000-level courses for the major, but a 1000-level course often serves as an important introduction to help a student determine which particular topics they might want to pursue at a more advanced level.

c PHIL:1861 fulfills a GE requirement. This course may also count as credit toward the major.

d Students may include no more than 6 s.h. of 1000-level PHIL courses toward the major.

e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

f PHIL:1636 is recommended for the GE CLAS Core Quantitative or Formal Reasoning requirement. It is not a major requirement.

g Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

h Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

i Students complete 30 s.h. of philosophy courses (prefix PHIL), of which at least two courses must be numbered 4000 or above.

j Only 3 s.h. of PHIL:4920 Research Practicum may be counted toward the major and toward the 4000-level course and area requirement.

k Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.