

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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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
A minimum of 15 s.h. for the philosophy major must be earned at the University of Iowa.		
Students can only count one of these courses toward the major: PHIL:3902 Workshop: Analytical Skills for the LSAT, PHIL:3904 Workshop: Analytical Skills for the GMAT, PHIL:3906 Workshop: Analytical Skills for the MCAT, PHIL:3908 Workshop: Analytical Skills for the GRE.		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
PHIL:1861	Introduction to Philosophy ^{b, c, d}	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	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
Hours		14-15
Spring		
PHIL:1636	Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate ^{b, f}	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e		4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^e		3

Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17
Second Year		
Fall		
PHIL:2111	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^h		
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17
Spring		
PHIL:2215 or PHIL:2214 or PHIL:2216	Modern Philosophy or Seventeenth-Century Philosophy or Eighteenth-Century Philosophy	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^h		
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		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^h		
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17
Spring		
Major: metaphysics/epistemology course		3
Major: value theory course		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^h		
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
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
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)

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 include no more than 6 s.h. of 1000-level PHIL courses toward the major.
- c PHIL:1861 fulfills a GE requirement. This course may also count as credit toward the major.
- d 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.
- 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.