Philosophy, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in philosophy requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 30 s.h. of work for the major. A minimum of 15 s.h. for the major must be earned at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Students should discuss the requirements for the major with an advisor as soon as possible. The advisor can suggest the most effective order for taking courses, based on each student’s interests and on the relation of the course topics to each other. See Courses in this section of the catalog for a complete listing of philosophy courses.

Students can only count one of these courses toward the major.

Course #    Title                                                  Hours
PHIL:3902  Workshop: Analytical Skills for the LSAT                3
PHIL:3906  Workshop: Analytical Skills for the MCAT                3
PHIL:3908  Workshop: Analytical Skills for the GRE                 3

Of the 30 s.h. of philosophy coursework (prefix PHIL) required for the major, at least two courses must be numbered 4000 or above. Only 3 s.h. of PHIL:4920 Research Practicum may be counted toward the major, the courses numbered 4000 and above, and the area requirement.

The BA with a major in philosophy requires the following coursework.

Requirements                                                        Hours
Value Theory Courses                                               6
Metaphysics/Epistemology Courses                                    6
Ancient Philosophy Course                                          3
Modern Philosophy Course                                            3
Introductory Logic Course                                          3
Philosophy Electives                                               9

Only 6 s.h. of the total hours required for the major can be taken in coursework numbered 1000-1999 (see the following list for options).

Course #    Title                                                  Hours
PHIL:1033  The Meaning of Life                                     3
PHIL:1034  Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness                    3
PHIL:1401  Matters of Life and Death                               3
PHIL:1636  Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate            3
PHIL:1861  Introduction to Philosophy                              3

Value Theory                                                        Hours
Course #    Title                                                  Hours
At least two of these:                                              3
PHIL:2402  Introduction to Ethics                                  3

Metaphysics/Epistemology                                            Hours
Course #    Title                                                  Hours
At least two of these:                                              3
PHIL:2415  Bioethics                                               3
PHIL:2422  Feminist Ethics                                         3
PHIL:2425  Sex, Marriage, Friendship, and the Law                  3
PHIL:2429  War, Terrorism, and Torture                             3
PHIL:2432  Introduction to Political Philosophy                   3
PHIL:2435  Philosophy of Law                                       3
PHIL:2436  The Nature of Evil                                     3
PHIL:3342  Multiculturalism and Toleriation                        3
PHIL:3430  Philosophy of Human Rights                              3
PHIL:3431  Aesthetics                                             3
PHIL:3510  Neuroethics                                            3
PHIL:3845  Buddhist Philosophy                                     3
PHIL:4375  Rawls's Political Philosophy                           3
PHIL:4480  Analytic Ethics                                        3
PHIL:4481  Issues in Philosophy of Law                             3
PHIL:4482  Early Modern Ethics                                     3
PHIL:4485  Political Philosophy                                    3
PHIL:4920  Research Practicum                                     3
PHIL:6100  Seminar: Ancient Philosophy                            3
PHIL:6200  Seminar: Modern Philosophy                              3
PHIL:6300  Seminar: Philosophical Analysis                        3
PHIL:6400  Seminar: Ethics                                        3

At least two of these:                                              3
PHIL:2343  Philosophy East and West                                3
PHIL:2437  Introduction to Metaphysics                            3
PHIL:2442  Knowledge and the Threat of Skepticism                 3
PHIL:2480  Language and Its Social Roles                           3
PHIL:2534  Philosophy of Religion                                  3
PHIL:2538  Minds and Machines                                     3
PHIL:2542  Minds and Brains                                       3
PHIL:3002  Stoics and Epicureans, or How to Live Like a Roman Sage 3
PHIL:3143  Existentialism                                         3
PHIL:3318  Twentieth-Century Philosophy                            3
PHIL:3604  Introduction to Philosophy of Science                  3
PHIL:4050  Topics in Buddhist Philosophy                          3
PHIL:4258  Descartes                                              3
PHIL:4260  Spinoza and Leibniz                                     3
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