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 must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department (e.g., a BA in philosophy and a BA in ethics and public policy) may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

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.

Of the 30 s.h. of philosophy coursework (prefix PHIL) required for the major, at least two courses must be numbered 3000 or above.

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

Requirements	Hours
Value Theory Courses	6
Metaphysics/Epistemology Courses	6
History Courses	6
Logic Courses	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
May take two courses from these:		
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

Course #	Title	Hours
At least two of these:		
PHIL:2040	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	3
PHIL:2402	Introduction to Ethics	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 Toleration	3
PHIL:3430	Philosophy of Human Rights	3
PHIL:4375	Rawls's Political Philosophy	3
PHIL:4431	Aesthetics	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:4510	Neuroethics	3
May be taken with permission of the instructor if content is applicable:		
PHIL:3847	Philosophical Issues	3
PHIL:4152	Plato	3
PHIL:4153	Aristotle	3
PHIL:4798	Topics in Philosophy	3
PHIL:6100	Seminar: Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL:6200	Seminar: Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL:6300	Seminar: Philosophical Analysis	3
PHIL:6400	Seminar: Ethics	3

Metaphysics/Epistemology

Course #	Title	Hours
At least two of these:		
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:4258	Descartes	3
PHIL:4260	Spinoza and Leibniz	3

PHIL:4346	Frege and Russell	3
PHIL:4373	Heidegger	3
PHIL:4377	Wittgenstein	3
PHIL:4586	Topics in Metaphysics	3
PHIL:4587	Epistemology	3
PHIL:4588	Philosophy of Mind	3
PHIL:4589	Philosophy of Language	3
PHIL:4590	Foundations of Cognitive Science	3
PHIL:4694	Philosophy of Science	3
May be taken with permission of the instructor if content is applicable:		
PHIL:3847	Philosophical Issues	3
PHIL:4152	Plato	3
PHIL:4153	Aristotle	3
PHIL:4798	Topics in Philosophy	3
PHIL:6100	Seminar: Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL:6200	Seminar: Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL:6300	Seminar: Philosophical Analysis	3
PHIL:6510	Seminar: Metaphysics	3
PHIL:6520	Seminar: Epistemology	3
PHIL:6620	Seminar: Philosophy of Science	3

History

Course #	Title	Hours
At least two of these:		
PHIL:2111	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL:2214	Seventeenth-Century Philosophy	3
PHIL:2215	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL:2216	Eighteenth-Century Philosophy	3
PHIL:3002	Stoics and Epicureans, or How to Live Like a Roman Sage	3
PHIL:3318	Twentieth-Century Philosophy	3
PHIL:4152	Plato	3
PHIL:4153	Aristotle	3
PHIL:4258	Descartes	3
PHIL:4260	Spinoza and Leibniz	3

Logic

Course #	Title	Hours
At least one of these:		
PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL:4691	Mathematical Logic	3
PHIL:4692	Modal Logic	3