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.

- **PHIL 202 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, eugenics, genetic engineering, allocation of medical resources, experimentation on animals and humans, and so on. *Annually.*

- **PHIL 203 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 204 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 205 Ethics** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An introduction to some of the major normative ethical theories based on the study of the original writings of selected philosophers, including a section on applied ethics. *Each semester.*

- **PHIL 206 Introduction to Logic** 3.0; 3 cr.
  A first introduction to formal and informal logic, including argument analysis, informal fallacies, natural deduction methods in propositional and first-order predicate logic. *Each semester.*

- **PHIL 207 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy** 3.0; 3 cr.
  A survey of ancient and medieval philosophy from the pre-Socratics to Aquinas. *Annually.*

- **PHIL 208 History of Modern Philosophy** 3.0; 3 cr.
  A survey of early modern philosophy, from Descartes to Kant. *Annually.*

- **PHIL 209 Nineteenth Century Philosophy** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An introductory survey of post-Kantian philosophy, with emphasis on Fichte, Schelling, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche. *Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 210 Political Philosophy** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An examination of the main issues of political philosophy, such as political obligation, justice, political rights, and other issues. *Students cannot receive credit for both PHIL 210 and PSPA 210. Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 211 Aesthetics** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An examination of the central problems and issues that arise in the interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of works of art. *Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 212 Metaphysics and Epistemology** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An investigation of the most fundamental concepts involved in our thoughts about the world, including the nature of truth, knowledge, causality, substance, space, and time. *Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 213 Existentialism** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An introduction to existentialist philosophy, within the context of nineteenth-century and twentieth-century philosophy. *Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 214 Symbolic Logic** 3.0; 3 cr.
  A study of the axiomatization and the meta-theory of classical propositional and predicate logic, first-order theories, as well as related philosophical issues. *Prerequisite: PHIL 211. Offered occasionally.*

- **PHIL 215 Philosophy of Mind** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An introductory examination of contemporary accounts of the nature of the mental and of the psychological explanation. *Alternate years.*

- **PHIL 216 Philosophy of Science** 3.0; 3 cr.
  An introduction to the philosophical problems and issues that arise in the attempt to understand the nature of science. *Alternate years.*
PHIL 223  Philosophy of Language  3.0; 3 cr.
An introductory examination of various contemporary accounts of the nature of language and
meaning. Alternate years.

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.

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PHIL 259  Special Topics in the History of Philosophy  3.0; 3 cr.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.

PHIL 260/261  Special Topics in the History of Philosophy  3.0; 3 cr.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.

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.