

Department of Philosophy

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The Department of Philosophy offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Philosophy. Requirements for transfer to the department include approval by the department, and a grade of 70 or more in any two humanities courses (excluding the communication skills requirements in Arabic and English).

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. In fulfillment of university requirements majors must also take the following:

- Language Requirements: English 6 credits; Arabic 3 credits.
- General Education Requirements: Humanities 12 credits (including six credits of CVSP); Social Sciences 6 credits; Natural Sciences 6 credits; Quantitative Thought 3 credits.

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.
An introduction to philosophy and its methods through an analysis of traditional issues in ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, and the philosophy of religion. *Each semester.*

PHIL 205 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 206 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 209 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 210 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 211 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 213 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 214 History of Modern Philosophy 3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of early modern philosophy, from Descartes to Kant. *Annually.*
- PHIL 215 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 216 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 216 and PSPA 210. Prerequisite: One previous course in philosophy, or consent of instructor. Alternate years.*
- PHIL 217 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. *Prerequisite: One previous course in philosophy, or consent of instructor. Alternate years.*
- PHIL 218 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. *Prerequisite: One previous course in philosophy, or consent of instructor. Alternate years.*
- PHIL 219 Existentialism 3.0; 3 cr.**
An introduction to existentialist philosophy, within the context of nineteenth-century and twentieth-century philosophy. *Prerequisite: One previous course in philosophy, or consent of instructor. Alternate years.*
- PHIL 220 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 221 Philosophy of Mind 3.0; 3 cr.**
An introductory examination of contemporary accounts of the nature of the mental and of psychological explanation. *Prerequisite: One previous course in philosophy, or consent of instructor. Alternate years.*

- 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.
- PHIL 260/261 Special Topics in the History of Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.
- PHIL 262/263 Special Topics in Contemporary Philosophy** **3.0; 3 cr.**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Offered occasionally.

24 + 12 Credits in Philosophy

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12+12+24)	Social Sciences (6) (Unspecified)	Sciences, Math, and Technology (Unspecified) Natural Sciences (6)	Quantitative thought (3)
Lecture Courses (9+12+36)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Required Arabic course: ARAB 201 A or B, or any upper level course (3) Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 152–57) Four required philosophy courses (12): PHIL 210(3), 211(3), two courses from the following: 213(3), 214(3) 226(3) 8 elective courses from the following lecture and/or seminar courses (24): 201(3), 205(3), 206(3), 209(3), 215(3), 216(3), 217(3), 218(3), 219(3), 220(3), 221(3), 222(3), 223(3), 224(3), 230(3), 231(3), 232(3) Elective philosophy courses: PHIL 250(3), 251(3), 252(3), 253(3), 254(3), 255(3), 256(3), 257(3), 258(3), 259(3), 260(3), 261(3), 262(3), 263(3) 	Electives (min 6)	Electives (min. 6): recommended is a course in computer literacy	Elective (min 6)
Seminar (33)					
Laboratory (0)				Computer Lab (3)	
Research Project (93)		PHIL 210, 213–224, 230–232, 249–263			

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.