



Philosophy - B.S.

College of Arts and Sciences

Philosophy encourages critical and systematic inquiry into fundamental questions of right and wrong, truth and falsehood, the meaning of life, and the nature of reality, knowledge, and society.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science.

University Studies Program Requirements

- I. Math 0-3
II. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended)^ 0-8
III. Inference-Logic (partially completed by Major Requirement) 3
IV. Written Communication 0-4
V. Oral Communication 3
VI. Natural Sciences 6
VII. Social Sciences 6
VIII. Humanities (completed by Premajor Requirements)
IX. Cross-Cultural (choose a Social Science course) 3
X. Electives (choose two Natural Science courses) 6

USP hours: 27-42

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. See "University Writing Requirement" on page 75 of the 2009-2010 UK Bulletin.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: 3

College Requirements

- I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended)^ 0-6
II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement)
b. Social Science (completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement)
c. Humanities (completed by Major Requirements)
III. Laboratory or Field Work 1
IV. Electives 6

College Requirement hours: 7-13

Premajor Requirements

- *PHI 260 History of Philosophy I:
from Greek Beginnings to the Middle Ages 3
*PHI 270 History of Philosophy II:
from the Renaissance to the Present Era 3

Premajor hours: 6

Major Requirements

Major Core Requirements

- *PHI 320 Symbolic Logic I 3
PHI 330 Ethics
or
PHI 335 The Individual and Society 3
PHI 350 Metaphysics and Epistemology 3

Major Core hours: 9

Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department:

Choose 15 hours of PHI 500+ level courses with at least one course from each group below 15

Group A: PHI 503, 504, 506, 509, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517

Group B: PHI 519, 530, 531, 535, 537, 540, 545, 592

Group C: PHI 520, 550, 560, 561, 562, 565, 570, 575

Choose 3 hours from any of the group courses listed above or the following: PHI 305, 310, 317, 330, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, 340, 343, 361, 380, 395 3

From Outside the Major Department

Choose 18 hours at the 200+ level; up to 4 hours may come from Philosophy courses 18

Other Major hours: 36

Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation 9

Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree 120

*Course used towards completion of a USP Requirement.

^French or German is highly recommended to complete the USP and College foreign language requirements. Greek is recommended if the student plans to concentrate on ancient philosophy. Latin is recommended if the student plans to concentrate on medieval philosophy.