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. More than any other discipline, philosophy explores the core issues of the Western intellectual tradition. With its emphasis on reason and argumentation, a philosophy major is an excellent preparation for a career in law or business.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree can be found on page 94 of the 2004-2005 UK Bulletin.

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 .................................................. 3-6
V. Oral Communication ....................................................... 3
VI. Natural Sciences ......................................................... 6
VII. Social Sciences ........................................................... 6
VIII. Humanities (completed by Premajor Requirements) .................. 6
IX. Cross-Cultural (choose a 300+ level Social Science course) ........ 3
X. Electives (choose two Natural Science courses) ......................... 6

USP hours: ........................................................................... 30-44

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended)^ ...................... 0-6
II. Disciplinary Requirements
   a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement) .......... 3
   b. Social Science (partially completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement) ........................................ 3
   c. Humanities (completed by Major Requirements) .................. 3
III. Laboratory or Field Work ...................................................... 3
IV. Electives .......................................................................... 6

College Requirement hours: .................................................. 10-16

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

Major Core hours: .............................................................. 3

Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department:

Choose 12 hours of PHI 500+ level courses with at least one course from each group below ................................................................. 12

Group A: PHI 503, 504, 506, 509, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 519, 540

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

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

Choose 6-12 hours from any of the group courses listed above or the following: PHI 251, 305, 310, 317, 330, 335, 340, 343, 350, 361, 520, 540 ................................................................. 6-12

From Outside the Major Department

Choose 15-21 hours outside Philosophy at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy USP and College requirements can also be counted here ................................................................. 15-21

Other Major hours: .............................................................. 39

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation ......................................................... 12

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.