Philosophy - B.A.

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. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree on page 119 of the *Arts and Sciences* section of the *2012-2013 Undergraduate Bulletin* at: **www.uky.edu/Registrar/bulletinCurrent/a_s.pdf**.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the *2012-2013 Undergraduate Bulletin* at: **www.uky.edu/Registrar/bulletinCurrent/ukc.pdf** for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
Choose one course from approved list 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
Choose one course from approved list 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
Choose one course from approved list 3

V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I 3

VI. Composition and Communication II
CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations
Choose one course from approved list 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
Choose one course from approved list 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
Choose one course from approved list 3

X. Global Dynamics
Choose one course from approved list 3

UK Core Hours **30**

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. Please see your academic advisor for courses that meet this requirement.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: **3**

College Requirements
I. Foreign Language *(placement exam recommended)^* 0-14
II. Disciplinary Requirements
    a. Natural Science 6
    b. Social Science 6
    c. Humanities *(completed by Major Requirements)*
III. Laboratory or Field Work 1
IV. Electives 6

College Requirement hours: **19-33**

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

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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 UK Core Requirement.

^French or German is highly recommended to complete the 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.