

PHILOSOPHY: POLITICAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY, BA

Philosophy seeks to illuminate fundamental aspects of the world, of our relation to and knowledge of the world, and of our own nature as rational, purposive, and social beings. The study of philosophy aims at an appreciation of the ways this enterprise has been, is, and might be approached. It also provides a vantage point for reflecting on the nature and achievement of other disciplines, such as science, the arts, and the humanities. Philosophical topics can be divided roughly into value theory (ethics, politics, aesthetics) and theoretical philosophy (epistemology, metaphysics, mind, and logic). The four concentrations available within the major allow students to emphasize different sets of questions.

The new Political and Moral Philosophy Concentration emphasizes the philosophical treatment of normative questions. Its coursework focuses on questions about ethics, morality, politics, and law.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 36. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://philosophy.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate> (<http://philosophy.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Distribution Requirements</i>		
PHIL 1330	Ethics	1
or PHIL 1433	The Social Contract	
or PHIL 1450	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 1710	Introduction to Logic	1
Select 3 courses in Value Theory (attribute APLV) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aplv/)		3
Select 2 courses in Contemporary Theoretical Philosophy (attribute APLT) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aplt/)		2
Select 2 courses in History of Philosophy (attribute APLH) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aplh/)		2
<i>Level Requirements</i>		
Select 4 course units of Level Requirement courses with 2 course units at the 2000 level or above and 2 course units at the 3000 or 5000 level ²		4
<i>Courses in Related Fields</i>		
ECON 0000:4999		
HIST 1000:4999		
INTR 1000:4999		
PSCI 1000:4999		
Select 4 courses from related fields by approval ³		4
Total Course Units		36

- ¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).
- ² Courses can double count across Level and Distribution Requirements.
- ³ No introductory level courses except ECON 0100 Introduction to Micro Economics and ECON 0200 Introductory Economics: Macro.

Honors

Must be a Senior Major in Philosophy and have a minimum 3.33 GPA in the major. Applicants must have completed the distribution requirement for the major including two courses above 2000 one of which must be above 3010. Please consult with the Undergraduate Chair for other specific criteria.

Code	Title	Course Units
PHIL 4998	Directed Honors Research (or a 5000-level course)	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.