## PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park
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## Program Description

This major provides in-depth study of fundamental issues that confront all people. Topics include ethics, social and political philosophy, and aesthetics--study of the good life, justice, and beauty; metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion--study of the nature of reality, mind, body, and the meaning of life and death; epistemology, philosophy of science, and logic--study of the nature of knowledge, truth, objectivity, and principles of sound reasoning; and subjects such as comparative philosophies, theories of race, gender, and class, and philosophical issues in technology, language, education, and the professions of law, business, medicine, communications, engineering, and agriculture. These studies enhance imaginative, interpretive, analytical, critical, and communicative capacities. Majors should acquire the intellectual abilities crucial for self-fulfillment, responsible participation in public life, and success in a wide range of careers-including law, business, education, journalism, medicine, and public service.

Majors may pursue concentration in the history of philosophy; humanities and arts; philosophy of science and mathematics; social sciences; the professions; or justice, law, and values. These concentrations are combined easily with minors, area studies, and concurrent majors. Qualified students participate in honors study and internships.

## General Philosophy Option

This option provides students with a concentration in the history of western philosophy and the historical development and impact of philosophical ideas and issues--from the ancient to the contemporary period. It is designed for all students who seek a broad liberal education, including students interested in graduate study in philosophy.

## Humanities and Arts Option

This option provides students with a concentration in philosophical issues in the arts, art history, literature, languages, history, and religion. It is designed for students primarily interested in the philosophical dimensions of the arts, humanities, and cultural studies, including students with career or further educational goals in these fields.

## Philosophy of Science and Mathematics Option

This option provides students with a concentration in philosophical issues in the life sciences, the physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, and technology. It is designed for students primarily interested in the philosophical dimensions of the natural sciences,
technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including students with career or further educational goals in these fields.

## Social Sciences Option

This option provides students with a concentration in philosophical issues in the social sciences, social and political theory, and education. It is designed for students primarily interested in the philosophical dimensions of social thought and methodological and normative issues in the social sciences, educational theory, and public policy, including students with career or further educational goals in these fields.

## Professional Studies Option

This option provides students with a concentration in philosophical issues and dimensions in the theory and practice of the professions of agriculture, business, engineering, journalism, law, and medicine and health care. It is designed for students seeking a foundation in the philosophical dimensions of these professions, including students who wish to combine humanistic study with career or further educational goals in these fields.

## Justice, Law, and Values Option

This option provides students with a concentration in philosophical issues in ethics, jurisprudence, social and political theory, and everyday life. It is designed for students primarily interested in moral, social, political, and legal questions concerning value and is especially appropriate for those anticipating future educational work in law school.

## What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is the oldest of the liberal arts, and is often defined simply as the love of wisdom. Philosophy is at the core of the liberal arts tradition and provided the foundation for the modern university, yet it remains highly relevant to life in technologically complex, diverse, global, information driven societies such as our own. The Philosophy major provides in-depth study of fundamental issues that inescapably confront all persons, such as ethics, social and political philosophy, aesthetics, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, epistemology, philosophy of science, and logic. These studies enhance imaginative, interpretive, analytical, critical, and communicative capacities. Majors thus may acquire intellectual abilities crucial for self-fulfillment, responsible participation in public life, and success in a wide range of careers-including law, business, education, journalism, medicine, and public service.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to develop critical thinking skills, including constructing, interpreting, and critically analyzing philosophical arguments.
- You want to learn about major thinkers, schools, and trends of the Western philosophical tradition, and to appreciate the importance and value of other thought.
- You want to compose clear, coherent written expressions of complex philosophical ideas, theories, and arguments.
- You have enthusiasm for inquiry and want engage in philosophical discussions about ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, and aesthetics.

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## Entrance to Major

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must

1. attain at least a $C(2.00)$ cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
2. have at least third-semester classification (https:// www.registrar.psu.edu/enrollment/semester-classification.cfm).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major/)

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## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

| Requirement | Credits |
| :--- | :--- |
| General Education | 45 |
| Electives | 21 |
| Bachelor of Arts Degree <br> Requirements | 24 |
| Requirements for the Major | 30 |

3 of the $\mathbf{2 4}$ credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and $0-12$ credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of $C$ or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a $C$ grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/\#82-44).

## Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code Title
Credits

## Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 9 credits in philosophy at the 200 level

Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better
Select an option

| Requirements for the Option General Philosophy Option (21 credits) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Code | Title | Credits |
| Prescribed Courses |  |  |
| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better |  |  |
| PHIL 12 | Symbolic Logic | 3 |
| Additional Courses |  |  |
| Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better |  |  |
| Select 6 cred | philosophy at the 00 or 100 level | 6 |
| Select one o | following: | 3 |
| PHIL 200 | Ancient Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 201 | Medieval Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 202 | Modern Philosophy: 1600-1800 |  |
| PHIL 203 | Nineteenth Century Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 204 | Twentieth Century Philosophy |  |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 9 credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in consultation with adviser

| Humanities and Arts Option (21 credits) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Code | Title | Credits |
| Additional Courses |  |  |
| Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better |  |  |
| PHIL 10 | Critical Thinking | 3 |
| or PHIL 12 | Symbolic Logic |  |
| Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level |  | 6 |
| Select one of the following: 3 |  |  |
| PHIL 401 | American Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 402 | Seminar in European Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 409 | Seminar in Aesthetics |  |
| PHIL 413 | Seminar in Philosophy of Literature |  |
| PHIL 424 | Seminar in Philosophy of Religion |  |
| PHIL 435 | Science and Religion |  |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 6 additional credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in6
consultation with adviser
Select 3 credits at the 400 level in a related arts or humanities ..... 3
discipline, in consultation with adviser
Philosophy of Science and Mathematics Option (21 credits)Prescribed Courses
Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better
PHIL 12 Symbolic Logic3
Additional CoursesAdditional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level6
Select one of the following: ..... 3
PHIL 407 Seminar in Philosophy of Technology

| PHIL 425W | Seminar in Epistemology |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PHIL 426W | Seminar in Metaphysics |  |
| PHIL 427 | Seminar in Philosophy of Mind |  |
| Supporting Courses and Related Areas |  |  |
| Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better |  |  |
| Select 6 additional credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in consultation with adviser |  |  |
| Select 3 credits at the 400 level in a mathematics or natural science discipline, in consultation with adviser |  |  |
| Social Sciences Option ( 21 credits) |  |  |
| Code | Title Cred |  |
| Prescribed Courses |  |  |
| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better |  |  |
| PHIL 12 | Symbolic Logic | 3 |
| Additional Courses |  |  |
| Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better |  |  |
| Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level 6 |  |  |
| Select one of the following: 3 |  |  |
| PHIL 401 | American Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 408W | Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy |  |
| PHIL 416 | Philosophy of Social Science |  |
| PHIL 425W | Seminar in Epistemology |  |
| PHIL 438 | Seminar in Feminist Philosophy |  |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

| Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Select 6 additional credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in | 6 |
| consultation with adviser |  |


| Professional Studies Option ( 21 credits) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Code | Title |  |
| Credits |  |  |

## Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better

| Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level | 6 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| PHIL 10 | Critical Thinking | 3 |
| or PHIL 12 | Symbolic Logic |  |

Select one of the following:

| PHIL 405 | Seminar in Philosophy of Law |
| :--- | :--- |
| PHIL 418 | Seminar in Ethical Theory |
| PHIL 432 | Medical and Health Care Ethics |
| PHIL 433 | Ethics in Science and Engineering |
| PHIL 435 | Science and Religion |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 9 credits at the 400 level in a professional area outside
philosophy, in consultation with adviser
Justice, Law, and Values Option ( 21 credits)
Code $\quad$ Title

## Prescribed Courses

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better
PHIL 105 Philosophy of Law


## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

## Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits


## Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.) <br> - Arts (GA): 3 credits <br> - Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits <br> - Humanities (GH): 3 credits <br> - Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits <br> - Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits <br> Integrative Studies <br> - Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

## Exploration

- GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits


## University Degree Requirements

## First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

## Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits


## Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

## Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

## Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program

## Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or
within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/ policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/\#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## B.A. Degree Requirements

Foreign Language ( $0-12$ credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/ undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).
B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures ( $0-3$ credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.

## Program Learning Objectives

- Learning about major philosophical figures, issues, traditions, methods, and trends.
- Understanding the relevance of the philosophical ideas and approaches for contemporary life, including in theoretical, scientific, existential, religious, cultural, ethical, social, and political contexts.
- Developing critical writing, reading, and speaking skills with an eye towards understanding, constructing, and assessing abstract, complex, or controversial philosophical arguments.
- Acquiring an inquisitive disposition toward philosophical questions and a willingness to justify and modify one's views about those questions through respectful conversation.


## Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (https://senate.psu.edu/ policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

## University Park

Liberal Arts Academic Advising
814-865-2545
Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (https:// la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-
advisers/) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

## SUGGESTED ACADEMIC PLAN

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2023-24 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (https:// bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

## General Philosophy Option: Philosophy, B.A. at University Park Campus

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## First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137 H , or CAS $137 \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 1-100 level PHIL Course | 3 |
| First Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 1 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| 1-100 level PHIL Course | 3 World Language Level 2 | 4 |
| General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
|  | 16 | 16 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS $138 T^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL $12{ }^{*}$ | 3 |
| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |



| BA Other Cultures | 3 Elective | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| BA Knowledge Domain <br> Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 General Education Health <br> and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |
| General Education Health <br> and Wellness (GHW) 1.5 $\mathbf{1 3 . 5}$ |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5}$ |  |

## Total Credits 123

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
$\ddagger$ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
\# Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement


## University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).
$W, M, X$, and $Y$ are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and $G Q$ ) require a grade of ' $C$ ' or better

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

## Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (https://bulletins.psu.edu/ undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures.
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## Advising Note:

All incoming freshmen must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 cr . and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed
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| First Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 1 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 World Language Level 2 | 4 |
| General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
|  | 16 | 16 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS $138 \mathrm{~T}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL 12 or $10{ }^{*}$ | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |
|  | 16 | 15 |

## Third Year

## Fall

| Concentration Course * | 3 PHIL 401, 402, 409, 413, 424, <br> or $435^{*}$ | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| General Education Course | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or <br> $202 D^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| Course |  | 3 Elective |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 15 | 3 |
|  |  | 15 |

## Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| 4 xx level in Humanities* | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Other Cultures | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |


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|  | 16 | 16 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS $138 \mathrm{~T}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL 12* | 3 |
| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |
|  | 16 | 15 |
| Third Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| Concentration Course* | 3 PHIL 407, 410, 425W, 426W, or $427^{*}$ | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
|  | 15 | 15 |
| Fourth Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| 4xx level in Mathematics and Science* | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Other Cultures | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 General Education Health and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |


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|  | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 5}$ |

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## First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137 H , or CAS $137 \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 1-100 level PHIL Course | 3 |
| First Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 1 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 World Language Level 2 | 4 |
| General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
|  | 16 | 16 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS $138 \mathrm{~T}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL $12{ }^{*}$ | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |
|  | 16 | 15 |

Third Year

## Fall

| Concentration Course* | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { PHIL 401, 408W, 416, 425W, } \\ & \text { or } 438^{*} \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General Education Course | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or } \\ & 202 D^{\ddagger} \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
|  | 15 | 15 |

## Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| 4 xx level in Social Sciences ${ }^{*}$ | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Other Cultures | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 General Education Health and Wellness | 1.5 |
| General Education Health and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |  |
|  | 16.5 | 13.5 |

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## First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137 H , or CAS $137 \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 1-100 level PHIL Course | 3 |
| First Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 1 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 World Language Level 2 | 4 |
| General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
|  | 16 | 16 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 100, ENGL 138T, or CAS $138 \mathrm{~T}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL 12 or $10{ }^{*}$ | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |
|  | 16 | 15 |
| Third Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| Concentration Course* | 3 PHIL 405, 406, PHIL 418, PHIL 432, PHIL 433, or PHIL $435^{*}$ | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
|  | 15 | 15 |
| Fourth Year |  |  |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{*}$ | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| Concentration Course ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Other Cultures | 3 Elective | 3 |
| BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 General Education Health and Wellness | 1.5 |


| General Education Health <br> and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |  |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ENGL 15, 30H, ESL 15, ENGL 137 H , or CAS $137 \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ | 3 PHIL 105* | 3 |
| First Year Seminar | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 1 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| Concentration Course* | 3 World Language Level 2 | 4 |
| General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 General Education Quantification Course ${ }^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
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| Concentration Course* | 3 Concentration Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| World Language Level 3 | 4 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BA Knowledge Domain Course | 3 |
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Third Year

Fall
Concentration Course*
Credits Spring
3 PHIL 403, 405, 406, PHIL 407, PHIL 408W, PHIL 418, PHIL 425W, PHIL 432, PHIL 433, or PHIL 438*

| General Education Course | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or <br> $202 D^{\ddagger}$ | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| BA Knowledge Domain | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| Course |  |  |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
|  | 15 | 15 |

Fourth Year
Fall
Concentration Course*
Credits
3

Credits Spring
3 AFAM 409, 465, CAS 321, COMM 402, HIST 449, HIST 450, LST 370, PLSC 403, PLSC 412, PLSC 431, PLSC 432, PLSC 471, PLSC 472, PLSC 473, PLSC 474, WMNST 423, or WMNST $453^{*}$
3 Elective
3 Elective

| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| General Education Health | 1.5 General Education Health | 1.5 |
| and Wellness (GHW) | and Wellness |  |

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COMM 402, HIST 449,
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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM (https:// philosophy.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/)

## Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Philosophy students score consistently higher than other majors on LSAT, MCAT, and GMAT exams. The study of philosophy provides students with an outstanding preparation for law school, medical school, and other advanced degrees. For those students interested in pursuing graduate work in philosophy, our department has a strong record of placing its graduates into top-notch doctoral programs.

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## Professional Resources

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