



PHILOSOPHY

Academics

As a philosophy major, you will study difficult and fundamental problems as you are acquainted with the major issues in a broad range of philosophical areas. Develop skills for logical analysis; critically explain complicated philosophical texts; write clear, coherent, plausible, argumentative essays; and reason philosophically.

The basic philosophy curriculum includes courses in the history of philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, and logic. Choose between two paths:

OPTIONS

- **Standard**—for a wide range of classes
- **Ethics and Law**—for students who wish to pursue careers in a legally-related field

Opportunities

Philosophy prepares you especially well for careers requiring analysis, decision making and communication. People graduating with philosophy degrees work in many different occupations, including computer programming, business consulting, management, government, policy analysis, editing, law and medicine. Undergraduate philosophy majors characteristically do very well on entrance exams for graduate and professional schools. Here are examples of recent graduates' employment:

- Assistant Account Manager / **FACTS MANAGEMENT**
- Assistant to the Legislative Coordinator / **NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE**
- Coach Support Specialist / **HUDL**
- Commercial Customer Service Representative / **DAKTRONICS**
- Data Scientist / **CONTEMPORARY ANALYSIS**
- Direct Support Professional / **DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NEBRASKA**
- Library Service Associate / **CITY OF LINCOLN – LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**
- Personal Banker / **UNION BANK TRUST**
- Strategic Analyst / **BRABENDERCOX**
- Volunteer Teacher / **ALUM SERVICE CORPS**

Experience

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we know experience is valuable and goes beyond the classroom. We strive to help you connect your academics with research, internships, education abroad, service learning and leadership experiences. Take advantage of opportunities in philosophy such as:

- Studying abroad in Athens, Greece
- Joining a Philosophy Reading Group
- Interning with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Researching the impact of religious philosophy on politics
- Volunteering for the Center for People in Need



PHIL—SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN (STANDARD OPTION)*

ACE = Achievement-Centered Education CDR = College Distribution Requirements

FIRST SEMESTER

Philosophy 100- or 200-Level Course (CDR)	3
Written Texts / Research & Knowledge Skills (ACE 1)	3
Scientific Methods & Knowledge of Natural / Physical World (ACE 4)	3
CDR: Language	5
Total Hours	14

SECOND SEMESTER

History of Philosophy Course	3
Natural, Physical & Mathematical Sciences with Lab (CDR)	4
CDR: Language	5
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

THIRD SEMESTER

Philosophy 200- or 300- or 400-Level Course	3
CDR: Written Communication	3
Communication Skills (ACE 2)	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

FOURTH SEMESTER

PHIL 110 or 211: Philosophy Logical Reasoning Course (ACE 3)	3
Philosophy Value Theory Course (ACE 8)	3
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	1
Total Hours	16

FIFTH SEMESTER

Philosophy Metaphysics / Epistemology Course	3
Philosophy 200- or 300- or 400-Level Course	3
Social Sciences (ACE 6)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

SIXTH SEMESTER

Philosophy 300- or 400-Level Course	3
Humanities (ACE 5)	3
Global Awareness & Human Diversity (ACE 9)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Philosophy 400 (ACE 10)	3
CDR: Social Science	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Philosophy 200- or 300- or 400-Level Course	3
Fine Arts (ACE 7)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

***DISCLAIMER:** This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with a major of interest in the College of Arts and Sciences. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with an academic advisor at the college and department level.