

PHILOSOPHY (B.A.)

Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS

Major Code: PHI

Philosophy Department

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The Philosophy Major at Buffalo State College is built around four guiding principles designed to make you a more versatile professional, a more valuable employee, and a more successful person throughout your life. Each of them can be found in every course we offer, but some of them are especially prominent in particular courses. As a philosophy major, you'll learn to:

- Comprehend texts, particularly philosophical texts.
- Understand and clearly articulate concepts, particularly “fundamental and powerful concepts” (e.g., truth, knowledge, justification, evidence, respect, justice, good, right, value, argument, reason, validity, soundness).
- Form, evaluate, justify, defend, and apply positions on complicated, everyday issues in written and oral form.
- Prioritize wisdom over trivialities
 - Appreciate the importance of truth to rational inquiry.
 - Recognize the conceptions and perspectives of others and their foundations.
 - Accept and apply critical feedback on philosophical work.

Major Requirements

The major is 30 credits in total. For each of the principles above, you must successfully complete a course that puts special emphasis on that principle. Since logical reasoning is at the core of everything we do, you are also required to successfully complete one of the logic courses. Finally, a seminar course will help to polish the skills you've learned throughout your study and bring it all together before you graduate.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)	
	33 credit hours	33
	Philosophy Major Requirements (30 credit hours)	

Critical Thinking Requirement (3 credit hours) 3

Choose one from the following:

PHI 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC
or PHI 107	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC

Communication Requirement (6 credit hours) 6

Choose one from the following:

PHI 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
PHI 110	THE MEANING OF LIFE

Choose one from the following:

PHI 300	PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY
PHI 312	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
PHI 336	PHILOSOPHY OF EMOTION

Problem Solving Requirement (6 credit hours) 6

PHI 102	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS
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Choose one from the following:

PHI 308	PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND SEX
PHI 361	RACE AND PROGRESS

Analysis and Inquiry Requirement (6 credit hours) 6

Choose one from the following:

PHI 111	ETHICS FOR SCIENTISTS
PHI 112	PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
PHI 113	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
PHI 115	MINDS AND MACHINES

Choose one from the following:

PHI 301	JUSTICE: LIBERTY VS. EQUALITY
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT
PHI 333	PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Diverse Perspectives Requirement (3 credit hours) 3

Choose one from the following:

PHI 324	ZEN BUDDHISM
PHI 360	AFRICANA PHILOSOPHY

Major Electives (6 credit hours) 6

Select two from the following that have not been used to satisfy any of the above requirements:

PHI 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
PHI 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC
PHI 107	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC

PHI 110	THE MEANING OF LIFE
PHI 111	ETHICS FOR SCIENTISTS
PHI 112	PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
PHI 113	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
PHI 115	MINDS AND MACHINES
PHI 189	TOPIC COURSE
PHI 221	PHILOSOPHY AND YOGA
PHI 295	SPECIAL PROJECT
PHI 300	PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY
PHI 301	JUSTICE: LIBERTY VS. EQUALITY
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
PHI 308	PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND SEX
PHI 312	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT
PHI 324	ZEN BUDDHISM
PHI 336	PHILOSOPHY OF EMOTION
PHI 360	AFRICANA PHILOSOPHY
PHI 336	PHILOSOPHY OF EMOTION
PHI 389	TOPIC COURSE
PHI 495	SPECIAL PROJECT
PHI 498	HONORS RESEARCH
PHI 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY
PHI 333	PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

All College Electives

57 credit hours 57

Total Credit Hours **120**

Students will:

- Recognize theses and supporting arguments
- Communicate through reading, comprehending, and summarizing conceptually difficult material
- Understand concepts, particularly “fundamental and powerful concepts” (e.g., truth, knowledge, justification, evidence, respect, justice, good, right, value, argument, reason, validity, soundness).
- Defend positions on complicated, everyday issues in written and oral form.
- Recognize the contributions and perspectives of a plurality of intellectual traditions
- Apply critical feedback on philosophical work.