

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

Philosophy Major Requirements (30 credit hours)

Required Courses (18 credit hours)

PHI 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	3
or PHI 107	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC	
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	3
PHI 309	KNOWLEDGE AND JUSTIFICATION	3
PHI 324	ZEN BUDDHISM	3
or PHI 360	AFRICANA PHILOSOPHY	
PHI 335	GOD AND RELIGION	3
or PHI 351	ETHICS BOWL	
PHI 401	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR	3
or PHI 402	SEMINAR IN HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY	

Electives (12 credit hours)

Select four from the following:		12
PHI 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	
PHI 102	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	
PHI 110	THE MEANING OF LIFE	
PHI 111	ETHICS FOR SCIENTISTS	
PHI 112	ETHICS FOR BUSINESS	
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 307	SYMBOLIC LOGIC	
PHI 308	PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND SEX	
PHI 310	HISTORY OF ETHICS	
PHI 312	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT	
PHI 333	PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCES	
PHI 361	RACE AND PROGRESS	
PHI 389	TOPIC COURSE	
PHI 495	SPECIAL PROJECT	
PHI 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY	

All College Electives

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2. understand and clearly articulate “fundamental and powerful concepts” (e.g., truth, knowledge, justification, evidence, respect, justice, good, right, value, argument, reason, validity, soundness).
3. evaluate, justify, defend, and apply positions on complicated, everyday issues in written and oral form.
4. recognize the conceptions and perspectives of others and their foundations.
5. accept and apply critical feedback on philosophical work.