

# PHILOSOPHY (B.A.)

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## Philosophy Department Bachelor of Arts (HEGIS 1509)

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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.

As a foundational discipline, studying philosophy also helps with the study of other disciplines, which means that, at only 30 credit hours, philosophy is an excellent choice for a second major.

A departmental Honors program is also available. Students should contact the department chair for additional information.

### Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Intellectual Foundations Requirements ( <a href="http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses">http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses</a> )		
33-39 credit hours		33-39
<b>Philosophy Major Requirements (30 credit hours)</b>		
<i>Required Courses (12 credit hours)</i>		
PHI 317	PLATO AND ARISTOTLE	3
PHI 318	DESCARTES TO KANT	3
PHI 401	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR	3
	or PHI 402 SEMINAR IN HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY	
Select one from the following:		3
PHI 107	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC	
PHI 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	
PHI 307	SYMBOLIC LOGIC	
<i>Electives (18 credit hours)</i>		
Select six from the following:		18
PHI 101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	
PHI 102	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	
PHI 110	THE MEANING OF LIFE	
PHI 111	ETHICS FOR SCIENTISTS	
PHI 204	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	
PHI 207	PHILOSOPHY IN LITERATURE	
PHI 210	EXISTENTIALISM	
PHI 221	PHILOSOPHY AND YOGA	
PHI 300	PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY	
PHI 301	JUSTICE: LIBERTY VS. EQUALITY	
PHI 302	PHILOSOPHY OF ART AND BEAUTY	
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	
PHI 305	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	
PHI 308	PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE AND SEX	
PHI 309	KNOWLEDGE AND JUSTIFICATION	
PHI 310	HISTORY OF ETHICS	
PHI 312	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT	

PHI 324	ZEN BUDDHISM
PHI 333	PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
PHI 334	PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
PHI 347	WORLD OF SOCRATES
PHI 351	ETHICS BOWL
PHI 495	SPECIAL PROJECT
PHI 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY

**All College Electives**

51-57 credit hours	51-57
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>
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