

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree consists of three components – the Bachelor of Arts core, a major area of study, and an optional minor area of study. The core is designed to give students a breadth of experience in the liberal arts, while the Philosophy major explores systems and discoveries of philosophical thought, focusing especially on the insights and method of St. Thomas Aquinas.

B.A. in Philosophy Degree Requirements: Overview

CORE CURRICULUM		65 HOURS
ENG 130	Research and Rhetoric	3
ENG 110	Speech	3
THE 110	Fundamental Theology	3
THE 121	Introduction to Sacred Scripture	3
THE 210	Moral Theology	3
PHI 105	Logic	3
PHI 225	Philosophy of the Human Person	3
PHI 215	Ethics	3
	History electives (two-semester sequence)	6
	Literature electives	6
	Mathematics electives	6
	Natural Science with laboratory electives	8
	Social/Behavioral Science elective	3
	Fine Arts elective	3
	Foreign Language electives (two-semester sequence)	6
CPU 115	Introduction to Computers†	3
MAJOR AREA OF STUDY		33 HOURS
PHI 490	Senior Seminar and Thesis	3
<i>History of Philosophy</i>		9 hours
PHI 301	History of Philosophy I: Ancient	3
PHI 302	History of Philosophy II: Medieval	3
PHI 303	History of Philosophy III: Modern	3
<i>Systematic Philosophy</i>		9 hours
PHI 370	Philosophy of Knowledge	3
PHI 460	Metaphysics	3
PHI 465	Philosophy of God	3
<i>Philosophy Electives</i>		12 hours
PHI	Any four 300 level or higher Philosophy courses§	12

† Or successful completion of competency exam.

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P H I L O S O P H Y M A J O R

An optional minor area of study provides an additional focus for a student's study. The minors available are Theology, Philosophy, English, History, and Educational Psychology. The hours listed for each minor below are those required in addition to the requirement for each discipline in the Bachelor of Arts core curriculum.

MINOR AREA OF STUDY		12 -15 HOURS
Philosophy (12 hours)	Any four 300-400 level Philosophy courses	12
English (12 hours)	Any four 300-400 level English/Literature courses	12
Theology (12 hours)	Any four 300-400 level Theology courses	12
History (12 hours)	Any four 300-400 level History courses	12
Educational Psychology* (15 hours)	PSY 315: Educational Psychology	3
	PSY 320: Human Growth and Development	3
	PSY 400: Tests and Measurements	3
	PSY 410: Behavioral Interventions	3
	PSY 423: Education of the Exceptional Child	3

**requires PSY115 taken as the core behavioral science*

GENERAL ELECTIVES	AS NEEDED
General electives are taken as needed to fulfill the 120 credit hour requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree. For the entire degree, at least 39 of the 120 credit hours must be at the 300-400 level, and at least 12 of the 120 credit hours must be at the 400 level.	

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