PHILOSOPHY

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Philosophy and Humanities
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BA Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 130 credits

The courses in philosophy are designed to confront the student with the fundamental problems of both Western and non-Western philosophical heritages and introduce the student to independent reflection on them, thus broadening his/her perspectives for the various areas of specialization in science, the social sciences and humanities.

Major — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 131).
2. Complete the BA degree requirements (page 135).
3. Complete two semester-length courses of non-English language study at the college level.*
4. Complete the following program (major) requirements:**
   a. Complete the following:
      PHIL F102—Introduction to Philosophy........................................3
      PHIL F104—Logic and Reasoning.................................................3
      PHIL F202—Introduction to Eastern Philosophy............................3
      PHIL F352—History of Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant.......3
      PHIL F471—Contemporary Philosophical Problems.....................3
   b. Complete six of the following electives:
      PHIL F108—Critical Thinking.......................................................3
      PHIL F109—Introduction to Political Philosophy..........................3
      PHIL F322X—Ethics***...............................................................3
      PHIL F341—Theories of Knowledge..............................................3
      PHIL F351—History of Ancient Greek Philosophy........................3
      PHIL F352—History of Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant......3
      PHIL F471—Contemporary Philosophical Problems.....................3

5. Minimum credits required ......................................................130

Minor

1. Complete the following:
   PHIL F102—Introduction to Philosophy........................................3
   PHIL F351—History of Ancient Greek Philosophy........................3
   PHIL F382—History of Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant.......3
   PHIL elective at the F400-level....................................................3

2. Complete two of the following:
   PHIL F104—Logic and Reasoning.................................................3
   PHIL F108—Critical Thinking.......................................................3
   PHIL F110—Introduction to Political Philosophy..........................3
   PHIL F202—Introduction to Eastern Philosophy............................3
   PHIL F322X—Ethics***...............................................................3
   PHIL F341O—Theories of Knowledge............................................3
   PHIL F342—Theories of Reality....................................................3
   PHIL F431—Survey of Buddhist Thought.......................................3
   PHIL F431—Philosophy in Literature............................................3
   PHIL F431—Philosophy in Literature............................................3
   PHIL F481—Philosophy of Science................................................3
   PHIL F485—Topics in Comparative Philosophies..........................3
   PHIL F487—Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Biology.................3

3. Minimum credits required ........................................................18

* Non-English language may be used to meet general degree requirements.
** Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.
*** PHIL F322X may not be counted toward a philosophy major or minor if used to fulfill core requirements.
Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication ........................................... 9 Credits
- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing ................(3)
- ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:
- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature ..........(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences ....(3)

Complete one of the following:
- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context ....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context ....(3)

Perspectives on the Human Condition .......... 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:
- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture ..........(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy ..........................(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History ................................(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature ................................ (3)

Complete one of the following three courses:
- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Artistic Appreciation: Interrelationships of Art, Drama and Music ..................................................(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts ..............................................(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaskan Native Performance ....(3)

Complete one of the following six courses:
- BA F323X—Business Ethics .............................................(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics ................................(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice ....................................(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions ...................(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society ........................................(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics .....................................................(3)

Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:
- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language.
- Three-semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

Mathematics ................................................. 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:
- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics ..............................................................(3)
- MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus* ................................(4)
- MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics** ..........(3)
- STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics ..........(3)
  * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following:*
- MATH F200X—Calculus I ...............................................(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II ............................................(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III ...........................................(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics ............(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences ........................ (4)
  * Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

Natural Sciences ................................. 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.
- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska ................. (4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology ..................................... (4)
- BIOL F101X—Biological Systems ............................. (4)
- BIOL F103X—Biological Society ................................(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History ..................................... (4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I ................. (4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II .......................(4)
- BIOL F210X—Introduction to Human Nutrition ..........(4)
- BIOL F211X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I ..........(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II ........(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry I ........................................(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry .....................(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry .................(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry ..............................(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry ............................(4)
- CHEM F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography ....(4)
- GEOL F100X—Introduction to Earth Science .................(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth ............................(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs ............(4)
- GEOG F112X—History of Earth and Life ..................(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes ....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment .........(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans ...........................................(4)
- PHYS F102X—Electricity and Magnetism .................(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics .....................................(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics .....................................(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I ............................(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy .............................................(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics ....................................(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics ....................................(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics .................(4)

Library and Information Research ................. 0 – 1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:
- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38 – 39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements. Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.

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