BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Program Specific Requirements

The Philosophy Major requires 30 semester hours of course work in Philosophy. All majors are required to take:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 2352	Introduction to Contemporary Logic	
PHIL 3364	Ancient & Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 3365	Modern Philosophy	3
21 hours of PHIL electives		21
Approved Minor (6 of which must be advanced)		18
Total Hours		48

It is suggested that students visit with their advisors in choosing a minor.

As of Fall 2009, only grades of C or above in Philosophy Program courses (those with the prefix PHIL) will count toward the major in Philosophy.

Note: In addition to advanced PHIL hours, students should use elective and/or minor hours to satisfy the 42-advanced-hour requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) [1]		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
Foreign Language first two courses		8
Foreign Language second two courses		6
Three additional hours of Fine Arts credit (PHIL 3366 recommended)		3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy [2]	3
PHIL 2306	Contemporary Moral Issues [3]	3
Major Core		
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 2352	Introduction to Contemporary Logic	
PHIL 3364	Ancient & Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 3365	Modern Philosophy	3
Major		
Philosophy electives		12
Minor (required)		18
Electives (PSYC 1301, World History, and World Literature recommended)		25
Total Hours		120

[1]   MATH 1332 is recommended

[2]   PHIL 1301 satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and 3 hours toward the major.

[3]   PHIL 2306 satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and 3 hours toward the major.

[4]   PHIL 2303 satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and 3 hours toward the major.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)[1]	3	ENGL 1302[2]	3
ENGL 1301[2]	3	HIST 1302[3]	3
HIST 1301[3]	3	PHIL 2303[6]	3
PHIL 1301[4]	3	PHIL 2306[7]	3
POLS 2305[5]	3	POLS 2306[5]	3
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4	Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3	Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
PHIL 3364	3	Minor	3
WOLC 1411[8]	4	PHIL 3365	3
		WOLC 1412[8]	4
	14		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Elective	3	Elective	3
Minor	3	Minor	6
PHIL Elective	3	PHIL Elective	3
PHIL 3366	3	WOLC 2311[8]	3
WOLC 2312[8]	3		
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Electives	9	Electives	10
Minor: Advanced course	3	Minor: Advanced course	3
PHIL Elective	3	PHIL Elective	3
	15		16

Total Hours: 120

[1]   MATH 1332 is recommended

[2]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

[3]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

[4]   PHIL 1301 satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and 3 hours toward the major.

[5]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

[6]   PHIL 2303 satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and 3 hours toward the major.

[7]   PHIL 2306 (http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/search/?P=PHIL%202306) satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and 3 hours toward the major.

[8]   Four courses required in one language.

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Students with a degree in Philosophy would graduate with the following skills,

1. A well-developed capacity for synthesizing information.
2. Strong critical thinking abilities.
3. The ability to communicate ideas in a clear and coherent way, in both written and oral mediums.
4. A well-developed capacity to understand diverse perspectives.