BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Program Specific Requirements

The Philosophy Major requires 30 semester hours of course work in Philosophy. All majors

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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) [2]		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]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
Foreign Language [4]		14
Fine Arts (PHIL 3366 recommended) [5]		3
Major: Foundation		
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking [3]	3
or PHIL 2352	Introduction to Contemporary Logic	
PHIL 3364	Ancient & Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 3365	Modern Philosophy	3
Major: Required		
PHIL Coursework [6]		21
Electives: General		
General Electives (PSYC 1301, World History, and World Literature recommended) [8]		13
Minor: Required [7]		
Minor (six hours must be advanced)		18
Total Hours		**120**

[1]   MATH 1332 is recommended.

[2]   Philosophy majors can satisfy this requirement by completing either PHIL 1301 or PHIL 2306, which will also count toward the required PHIL coursework.

[3]   PHIL 2303 (http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/search/?P=PHIL%202303) satisfies both the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and 3 hours toward the major.

[4]   Four Foreign Language courses in one language required.

[5]   Philosophy majors can satisfy this requirement by completing PHIL 3366, which will also count toward the required PHIL coursework.

[6]   These 21 hours are in addition to the 9 hours of required PHIL courses listed in the Major Core. Students may satisfy this requirement by completing any PHIL courses with grades of C or better.

[7]   The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Philosophy.

[8]   All students are required to complete a minimum of 120 hours of course work to earn their B.A. in Philosophy. Students who count any combination of PHIL 1301, PHIL 2303, PHIL 2306, or PHIL 3366 toward both the required PHIL courses/hours and other degree requirements (see footnotes 2, 3, and 4) must complete additional elective hours to reach the required 120 hours of total coursework. Students are encouraged to use this increased flexibility to take additional courses that complement their plan of study,

Notes

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

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

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.

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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	Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)[6]	3
Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)[2]	3	ENGL 1302[3]	3
ENGL 1301[3]	3	HIST 1302[4]	3
HIST 1301[4]	3	PHIL 2303 or 2352[6]	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[8]	3
WOLC 1411[7]	4	PHIL 3365	3
		WOLC 1412[7]	4
	14		**15**

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Fine Arts (PHIL 3366 recommended)[9]	3	Minor[8]	6
General Electives [10,11]	3	PHIL Coursework[12]	6
Minor[8]	3	WOLC 2311[7]	3
PHIL Coursework[12]	3		
WOLC 2312[7]	3		
	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
General Electives[10,11]	9	Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Minor: Advanced [8]	3	General Electives[10,11]	1

PHIL Coursework[12]	3 Minor: Advanced[8]	3
	PHIL Coursework [12]	9
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[5]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

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

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