

Philosophy (PHIL)



Philosophy engages fundamental questions concerning human identity, the nature of knowledge and reality, moral virtue and responsibility, the nature of community and political authority, aesthetic judgments and values, and other concepts central to the meaning and value of human existence.

With over 200 undergraduate majors and minors, the Philosophy major at the University of Oregon is one of the most vibrant in the country. Our program emphasizes the study of ethics, social and political philosophy, American philosophy, continental philosophy, feminist philosophy, philosophy of mind, the philosophy of race, the history of philosophy, and environmental philosophy.

Top 5 reasons to study Philosophy

- 1 Reason more insightfully about questions of value.
- 2 Build skills in writing and critical reasoning.
- 3 Explore fundamental questions of meaning and the nature of human life.
- 4 Become an informed and engaged global citizen.
- 5 Prepare for a wide variety of opportunities for further study.

Where can I go?

A degree in Philosophy can take you in multiple directions. Students in Philosophy may choose to pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS), or a Master of Arts (MA).

Philosophy provides students with a foundation for employment in:

- Legal firms and law offices
- Research institutes
- Colleges and universities
- Charitable organizations
- Foundations
- Religiously affiliated organizations
- National and state Endowments for the Humanities
- Political action committees
- Special interest groups
- Magazine and newspaper publishers

Alumni jobs

- Director of business advocacy
- Behavior consultant
- Video editor
- Non-profit executive director
- Accommodations assistant
- Documentary filmmaker
- Multimedia designer
- Urban planner
- Lawyer, US District Court
- Chief Legal Counsel for AT&T Wireless
- Professor



Courses you may need

1ST YEAR

Six credits of lower division philosophy i.e. PHIL 101*, PHIL 102*, PHIL 103*; WR 121; WR 122

2ND YEAR

Two from PHIL 310, PHIL 311, PHIL 312; two from PHIL 342, PHIL 415, PHIL 420; PHIL 225; PHIL 1xx/2xx

3RD YEAR

PHIL 453; PHIL 463; PHIL 3xx/4xx; PHIL 3xx/4xx

4TH YEAR

PHIL 3xx/4xx; PHIL 3xx/4xx

*or other approved lower division class

Major credits

Required	28 credits
Electives	24 credits
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Total	52 credits

Core Education Requirement

BS or BA Degree
Minimum = 180 credits

Core Education is approximately 71-83 credits depending on transfer credits and placement scores and requires courses in:

Writing

Math and/or CIS (BS) or
Language (BA)

US: Difference, Inequality, Agency
Global Perspectives

Areas of Inquiry in:

Arts and Letters
Social Science
Science

What will I learn?

A degree in Philosophy can give you skills in:

- Library research
- Critical thinking and reasoning
- Oral and written communication
- Creative writing
- Cross-cultural collaboration
- Qualitative analysis

Specialized courses

In addition to the overall skills you will gain from the Philosophy major, at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Oregon you can take specialized courses in areas such as the following:

- Internet, Society, and Philosophy
- Existentialism
- Philosophy and Cultural Diversity
- Philosophy of Film
- Food Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Medical Ethics
- Environmental Philosophy

Add a minor or certificate

Minors: Economics, English, Environmental studies, Ethics, French, Political Science, Psychology, Spanish, Writing, Speaking, and Creative Reasoning