

BA with a Major in Philosophy

Program Codes:

20FT0332BA

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Philosophy degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Major Requirements		33
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours		87
Total Hours		120

General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements ^a

Of the 33 semester hours required for the major, students must complete at least 12 semester hours at the 400 level. Courses must be distributed across several broad areas as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHIL 102	Introductory Logic ^b	3
PHIL 300	Fundamentals of Philosophical Discourse ^c	3
History of Philosophy		
Select three courses, from at least two different groups:		9
Group 1		
PHIL 220	Ancient Philosophy I: Plato and His Predecessors	
PHIL 221	Ancient Philosophy II: Aristotle and His Successors	
PHIL 222	Philosophy in the Islamic World	
PHIL 422	Studies in Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 428	Topics in Ancient Philosophy	
Group 2		
PHIL 223	History of Modern Philosophy I: Descartes and His Successors	
PHIL 224	History of Modern Philosophy II: Kant and His Predecessors	
PHIL 423	Studies in Early Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 424	Kant	
Group 3		
PHIL 225	Nineteenth Century Philosophy	

PHIL 226	Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 227	Continental Philosophy I: Phenomenology and Existentialism	
PHIL 425	Studies in Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	
PHIL 426	Analysis and Logical Empiricism	
PHIL 429	Special Studies in the History of Philosophy	

Electives

Select two of the following:		6
PHIL 201	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 202	Philosophy of Psychology	
PHIL 203	Metaphysics	
PHIL 204	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 206	Introduction to the Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 210	Symbolic Logic	
PHIL 211	Inductive Logic and Decision Making	
PHIL 215	Philosophy of Computing and Machine Learning	
PHIL 226	Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 227	Continental Philosophy I: Phenomenology and Existentialism	
PHIL 240	Philosophy and Revelation: Jewish and Christian Perspectives	
PHIL 241	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 401	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 402	Topics in Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 403	Metaphysics	
PHIL 404	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 406	Topics in Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 410	Introduction to Formal Logic	
PHIL 426	Analysis and Logical Empiricism	
PHIL 427	Continental Philosophy II: European Thought Since 1960	
PHIL 441	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 230	Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 231	Philosophy of Race and Racism	
PHIL 232	Sex Roles: Moral and Political Issues	
PHIL 234	Philosophy and Film	
PHIL 315	Ethics of Computing and Artificial Intelligence	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of Rhetoric	
PHIL 432	Topics in Ethics	
PHIL 433	Topics in Social/Political Philosophy	
Three additional philosophy courses, at least one of which must be above the 100 level		9
Total Hours		33

^a A single course may only be counted toward one requirement. For example, PHIL 226 can be applied toward either the history (group 3) requirement or the elective requirement, but not both.

b PHIL 102 also fulfills the LAS Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

c PHIL 300 also fulfills the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		4-5
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Hours		14-17
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
PHIL 1xx		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Hours		16-18
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
PHIL 102	Introductory Logic ^a	3
PHIL 2xx		3
Foreign Language		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
PHIL 2xx		3
PHIL 2xx		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		5
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
PHIL 300	Fundamentals of Philosophical Discourse ^b	3
PHIL 2xx		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		6-9
Hours		15-18
Spring Semester		
PHIL 4xx		3
PHIL 4xx		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
PHIL 4xx		3
Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
PHIL 4xx		3
Electives		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

b PHIL 300 satisfies the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.

Note: Students must earn at least 40 advanced hours at a four-year college or university. These hours may include hours in the major.

Note: The General Education Requirement is nine courses, two laboratory courses from Analyzing the Natural World, one course from each of Understanding the Individual and Society, Understanding the Past, Understanding the Creative Arts , Exploring World Cultures, and Understanding U.S. Society. Two additional courses will be taken from any of these categories. Two Philosophy courses may be used to satisfy two of the nine courses in the General Education Requirement. Consult the catalog for the list.

a Courses are offered every semester: PHIL 102 (satisfies Quantitative Reasoning requirement with a grade of C or better).