

PRE-2021 PHILOSOPHY MAJOR CHECKLIST (Revised Jan. 2017)

OVERVIEW: The philosophy major requires a **minimum of 12 units**, balancing work in major philosophical traditions, contemporary concerns, and diverse perspectives. **Majors with emphases** allow students to gain advanced expertise in one of the subfields or areas of interest in philosophy. *The philosophy department recommends that students declare the major by the end of their sophomore year.*

I. History of Philosophy (4 units) These courses investigate central issues and concerns emerging in important historical periods and locales, tracing how those concerns change over time. Choose one of these three options:

Option 1

201 – History of Modern European Philosophy (2-block sequence)

AND

101 – Greek Philosophy **OR**
244 – History of Social and Political Philosophy: Classical Visions

AND

One additional unit of history of philosophy from the list below:

Option 2

210 – Ancient through Early Modern Western Philosophy (2-block sequence)

AND

Two additional units of history of philosophy from the list below:

Option 3

244 – History of Social and Political Philosophy: Classical Visions

AND

245 – History of Social and Political Philosophy: Modern Debates

AND

Two additional units of history of philosophy from the list below:

Choose your additional required **1 or 2 units** (depending on the option chosen above) in history of philosophy from this list:

101 – Greek Philosophy (no credit after 116 or 210)

116 – Greek History and Philosophy
(no credit after 101 or 210)

201 – History of Modern European Philosophy
(no full credit after 210)

203 – Topics in Philosophy (when appropriate)

204 – American Philosophy

210 – Ancient through Early Modern Western Philosophy (no full credit after 101 or 201)

244 – History of Social and Political Philosophy: Classical Visions

245 – History of Social and Political Philosophy: Modern Debates

260 – Existential Philosophy

281 – Indian Philosophy

283 – Latin American Philosophy

301 – 20th Century Analytic Philosophy

302 – 20th Century Continental Philosophy

303 – Advanced Topics in Philosophy
(when appropriate)

314 – Text Seminar (when appropriate)

II. Central Areas & Problems in Contemporary Philosophy (3 units) These courses familiarize students with key subfields in contemporary philosophy, addressing the questions, approaches, and theoretical perspectives that define those subfields. Choose at least one course in each category:

Logic and Argument (1 unit)

122 – Philosophical Argument and Writing

226 – Formal Logic

Metaphysics & Epistemology (1 unit)

227 – Epistemology

228 – Philosophy of Science

229 – Philosophy of Language

261 – Philosophy of Mind

321 – Metaphysics

Value Theory (1 unit)

140 – Ethics

243 – Philosophy & Politics of Identity

247 – Aesthetics

341 – Contemporary Political Philosophy

III. Diversity in Philosophy (2 units) Diverse perspectives in philosophy weave through the curriculum; however, all students are required to take two courses with an explicit focus on diverse traditions in philosophy, which represent critical dimensions of philosophical thought, including ones that may call both traditional canons and aspects of contemporary academic philosophy into question. These courses may fulfill more than one requirement. For example, PH281 may be used as both a history unit and as a diversity unit, and PH243 may be used as both a value theory unit and as a diversity unit.

203 – Topics in Philosophy (when appropriate)

243 – Philosophy & Politics of Identity

280 – Philosophy East and West

281 – Indian Philosophy

282 – Africana Philosophy

283 – Latin American Philosophy

284 – Feminist Philosophies

285 – Philosophy and Race

IV. Capstone Requirement (3 units) These courses are designed to familiarize students with leading voices in contemporary philosophical scholarship, while giving students the opportunity to focus on approaches or problems that strongly interest them.

- 452 – Junior Seminar 475 – Senior Essay 476 – Senior Seminar

V. Electives: Philosophy majors must successfully complete at least 12 units in philosophy. After fulfilling the requirements above, students may choose any additional philosophy courses to complete the 12-unit requirement. Check the schedule of classes to find the current options, including cross-listed courses, topics courses, and text seminars. Our regular courses are:

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| PH101: Greek Philosophy | PH249: Philosophy of Education |
| PH116: Greek History and Philosophy | PH260: Existential Philosophy |
| PH122: Philosophical Argument and Writing | PH261: Philosophy of Mind |
| PH140: Ethics | PH262: Discovering the Unconscious |
| PH141: Philosophy & Literature | PH265: Sigmund Freud |
| PH201: History of Modern European Philosophy | PH280: Philosophy East and West |
| PH203: Topics in Philosophy | PH281: Indian Philosophy |
| PH204: American Philosophy | PH282: Africana Philosophy |
| PH210: Ancient through Early Modern Western Philosophy | PH283: Latin-American Philosophy |
| PH226: Formal Logic | PH284: Feminist Philosophies |
| PH227: Epistemology | PH285: Philosophy & Race |
| PH228: Philosophy of Science | PH301: 20th Century Analytic Philosophy |
| PH229: Philosophy of Language | PH302: 20th Century Continental Philosophy |
| PH243: Philosophy and Politics of Identity | PH303: Advanced Topics in Philosophy |
| PH244: History of Social and Political Philosophy:
Classical Visions | PH314: Text Seminar |
| PH245: History of Social and Political Philosophy:
Modern Debates | PH321: Metaphysics |
| PH246: Environmental Ethics | PH341: Contemporary Political Philosophy |
| PH247: Aesthetics | PH342: Critical Theory |
| | PH360: Philosophy & Psychoanalysis |
| | PH361: Philosophy of Emotions |

VI. Advanced Study At least one course other than the capstone requirements must be at the 300 level. List the course number and name below:

- 300 level: _____

VII. Philosophy Major with Emphasis Students may complete the philosophy major with a special emphasis in one of these areas of philosophy. See the Philosophy Emphases list of courses for more details.

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| History of Philosophy | Philosophical Psychology |
| Comparative Philosophy | Philosophy, Science, and Technology |
| Ethics and Social Justice | Metaphysics and Epistemology |

To obtain the designation of an emphasis, a student must take an additional two units of philosophy in the area chosen (for a total of 14 units in philosophy, rather than 12) and also complete the senior essay in that area. An emphasis must be declared no later than the end of the student’s junior year.

<u>TOPICS COURSES & TEXT SEMINARS</u> <i>(list courses and requirements they meet)</i>	<u>COLLEGE-WIDE REQUIREMENTS</u> <i>(for all matriculating in Fall 2012 or after)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Global Cultures course
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Inequality course
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> West in Time course (2 blocks)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Reasoning course
	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science course
	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science Lab course
	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language (2 blocks or equiv.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> FYE Writing Portfolio (or equivalent)

Notes: Any substitution requires a written petition to the department and approval by the philosophy faculty. Students who matriculated prior to the approval of these requirements have the option of satisfying the earlier requirements.