

# PHILOSOPHY

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The curriculum in philosophy is designed to give students a broad grounding in the literature and methods of philosophy and in philosophical approaches to contemporary problems. Philosophy is inherently foundational for all other disciplines and philosophical training sharpens the student's ability to reason soundly, to formulate basic concepts and questions clearly and to work intelligently at solving human problems.

The philosophy curriculum is balanced among historical study, philosophical problem areas and applied courses. Graduates from the philosophy department have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields. A 1982 graduate was recently nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and numerous former students have attended some of the country's finest graduate programs. Study in philosophy provides an excellent basis for careers in law, business, government, journalism, teaching, social work and the sciences.

## Philosophy

### Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

40 credits above the 1000 level, including the following:

Code	Title	Credits
	Symbolic or practical logic	4
	Ancient or medieval philosophy	4
	Modern or contemporary philosophy	4
	Courses at the 3000 level	16
	Select an additional 12 credits of philosophy beyond the 1000 level	12
PHIL 3999	Philosophy Assessment (must complete prior to graduation)	0
Total Credits		40

#### Area of specialization

Students are not required to choose an area of specialization.

#### Critical Theory

Students must take at least one course in these three major areas of critical theory at the undergraduate or graduate level listed below. These courses must be approved by the undergraduate advisor. These courses may be taken outside of the Philosophy Department. Students must declare the specialization by filing a declaration form with the department. Completion of the critical theory specialization will not be reflected on the student's transcript or degree.

#### 19th Century Critical Theory

- Freud
- Hegel
- Kant
- Marx
- Nietzsche

#### 20th Century Critical Theory

- Adorno
- Agamben
- Badiou
- Benjamin
- Deleuze
- Derrida

- Foucault
- Gramsci
- Horkheimer
- Irigaray
- Kristeva
- Lacan
- Lukcas
- Marcuse
- Ranciere

#### **Contemporary Topics in Critical Theory**

- Critical Literature Theory
- Critical Race and Post-Colonial Theory
- Feminist Theory
- Queer Theory
- Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

## **Secondary Major Requirements**

40 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

## **Minor Requirements**

20 credits in philosophy above the 1000 level.

#### **Prerequisites**

All seminars (3000-level courses) require at least junior standing or instructor's permission.

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## Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Philosophy

- Minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.85 major GPA
- Completion of a thesis

## BA in Philosophy

The following course plan is a sample quarter-by-quarter schedule for intended majors. Because the bachelor of arts (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>) curriculum allows for tremendous flexibility, this is only intended as an example; that is to say, if specific courses or requirements are not available in a given term, students can generally complete those requirements in another term. More importantly, students should focus on exploring areas of interest, including Common Curriculum requirements and possible minors or second majors, and maintaining a course load which will allow for completion of the degree within four years.

Ideally, Common Curriculum (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/degreesanddegreerequirements>) requirements other than Advanced Seminar should be completed during the first two years. Students should anticipate taking an average course load of 16 credits each quarter.

Ways of Knowing courses in the areas of Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/ai-society-courses>) and Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/si-society-courses>) introduce students to University-level study of disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Credits earned in Ways of Knowing courses may also apply to a major or minor.

The sample course plan below shows what courses a student pursuing this major might take in their first two years; beyond that, students should anticipate working closely with their major advisor to create a course of study to complete the degree.

First Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
FSEM 1111	4 WRIT 1122	4 WRIT 1133	4
Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture <sup>1</sup>	4 PHIL 2040 or 2160	4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture	4
Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4
Minor or Elective	4 Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture	4 PHIL2000-level course	4
	16	16	16
Second Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4
PHIL 2000-level course	4 Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture	4 PHIL 3000-level course	4
Minor or Elective	4 Minor or Elective	4 Minor or Elective	4
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INTZ 2501 <sup>3</sup>	2		
	18	16	16

Total Credits: 98

<sup>1</sup> There are a large number of courses with the PHIL subject code that will fulfill this Common Curriculum requirement while simultaneously fulfilling credit hours toward the major. Consult the course listings (p. ) in this section for options.

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2 Fulfills the Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/ai-natural-courses>) requirement.

3 INTZ 2501 is required for any student who studies abroad, and may be taken in any quarter within the year prior to studying abroad.