

Bachelor of Arts Philosophy

INFORMATION

From ancient times to the present philosophers have sought answers to fundamental questions which arise in every area of human life. What is human nature? Are human beings free? What goals should we pursue and how should we treat each other? Is there a reality beyond the physical and sensible world? How can we know the answers to these questions? What are rational methods and standards of evidence? Do rational methods always apply?

At Cleveland State University, students can choose the standard **Major in Philosophy** which combines the comprehensive study of the history of philosophy with upper level coursework in other areas of the student's own choosing such as philosophy of religion or law, ethics and social philosophy, theory of knowledge, or in-depth study of a particular philosopher.

Alternatively they can choose the **Major with a Concentration in Ethics** in which at least half of the coursework is focused on ethics and value theory. Undergraduates at Cleveland State University also have the opportunity to earn a **Certificate in Bioethics** by completing 12 credit hours from the bioethics sequence (see the online *Catalog* for details).

Classes in philosophy are generally small (under 30) and nearly all are taught by full-time faculty who are established scholars in their field.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career philosophers are employed almost exclusively in colleges and universities. A doctoral degree is generally required for teaching at the four-year college level or above; and a

master's degree is required for community college teaching.

A major in philosophy prepares a student to pursue graduate study in philosophy, but many philosophy majors choose careers in other areas — pre-college teaching, health and medicine, law and criminal justice, public relations, and managerial work in business and the public sector.

The study of philosophy builds skills which are critical for success in every profession: the ability to analyze complex problems, to organize and classify data, to look for reasons why something should be done, to view issues from different perspectives, and to communicate clearly and persuasively both orally and in writing.

Philosophy complements most other fields of study. Students who have chosen a major on account of its direct link to a career often are able, through careful planning, to complete a second major in philosophy with little or no increase in total hours. Roughly a third of all Cleveland State University philosophy majors are double majors, combining philosophy with such fields as psychology, political science, religion, English, history and urban studies.

PROGRAM

Students attending school full-time can complete the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy in four years. Students attending part-time will take longer, but required major courses and upper-level electives are offered in the evening.

Required Courses for Major

(32 credit hours)

1. Core courses (16 credits)

ONE of the following: (4 credits)

PHL 130 Introduction to Logic

PHL 131 Deductive Logic I

PHL 332 Deductive Logic II

ALL of the following: (12 credits)

PHL 261 Ancient Philosophy

PHL 262 Medieval Philosophy

PHL 263 Early Modern Philosophy

2. Capstone course (4 credits)

PHL 491 Senior Seminar

3. Electives (12 credits)

- 12 semester hours of which 8 must be at the 300 level or above.

Required Courses for Major with Concentration in Ethics (32 credit hours)

1. Core courses (24 credits)

ONE of the following: (4 credits)

PHL 130 Introduction to Logic

PHL 131 Deductive Logic I

PHL 332 Deductive Logic II

ONE of the following: (4 credits)

PHL 211 Morals and Rights

PHL 213 Environmental Ethics

PHL 215 Engineering Ethics

PHL 240 Health Care Ethics

ALL of the following: (12 credits)

PHL 263 Early Modern Philosophy

PHL 283 Introduction to Ethics

PHL 311 Ethics

ONE of the following: (4 credits)

PHL 321 Philosophy of Art

PHL 331 Philosophy of Religion

PHL 341 Philosophy of Law

PHL 351 Social & Political Philosophy

2. Capstone course (4 credits)

PHL 491 Senior Seminar

3. Elective (4 credits)

- 4 semester hours at the 300 level or above.

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A total number of 128 hours are required for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy. Thirty-two of these hours are major requirements. All degree seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. Students entering in Fall 08 or later can fulfill the logic requirement with PHL 130 and will be required to take a capstone course. Students should see the undergraduate advisor for details. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened/

Sample Course sequence for the general major in Philosophy

Year Two			
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
PHL 130 Introduction to Logic	4	PHL 171 Introduction to Philosophy	4
Year Three			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHL 261 Ancient Philosophy	4	PHL 262 Medieval Philosophy	4
		PHL 331 Philosophy of Religion	4
Year Four			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHL 263 Early Modern Philosophy	4	PHL 491 Senior Seminar	4
PHL 405 Prominent Philosopher	4		

Sample Course sequence for major in Philosophy with a concentration in Ethics:

Year Two			
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
PHL 130 Introduction to Logic	4	PHL 211 Morals and Rights	4
Year Three			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHL 283 Introduction to Ethics	4	PHL 263 Early Modern Philosophy	4
		PHL 311 Ethics	4
Year Four			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHL 351 Social and Political Philosophy or	4	PHL 491 Senior Seminar	4
PHL 453 Social, Political and Legal Philosophy			
PHL 443 Bioethics and the Law	4		

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