

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: PHILOSOPHY B.A.

Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Philosophy

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Philosophy

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Meet with your advisor or a freshman specialist; map personal four-year plan. Make use of student support: tutoring, SI, writing center, mathematics lab. Join student clubs. Participate in philosophy program activities.	PHI 280 History of Classical and Medieval Philosophy	3	PHI 285 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
Gen Ed: Communication; Written I ¹		3	PHI 265 Logic	3
Gen Ed: Self and Society		9	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II	3
			Gen Ed: Communication; Oral	3
			Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints	3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours	15
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Use the electives to begin taking courses toward a minor or second major program of study. Investigate summer research, coop or internship opportunities. Begin to gain career experience appropriate for goals.	PHI 375 Ethical Theory	3	PHI 315 Knowledge and Reality
Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences without lab		3	PHI Perspectives course ³	3
Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity		6	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with lab	4
Elective ²		3	Electives	6
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16	
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Use the electives to take more philosophy classes or to earn a minor or second major. Investigate summer research, coop, internship or study abroad opportunities. If your GPA is above 3.0, ask about Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honor society.	PHI 305 Existentialism	3	PHI Elective
Electives		12	Electives	12
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	
FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Use your electives to take more philosophy classes or to earn a minor or second major. You will need a total of 45 hours at the 300 level or above to graduate. Complete the major program certification for philosophy and for any other majors or minors. File paperwork for graduation. Attend job fairs, conduct mock interviews with CDC. Contact professors for letters of recommendation. Gather application materials, apply early to desired programs. Celebrate your graduation!	PHI Elective	3	PHI Elective
Electives		12	Electives	12
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15	
GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS			121	

Notes: This is a sample four-year program of study for a philosophy major. It represents only one way a philosophy major can meet graduation requirements.

¹No one path through the general education requirements is best for the philosophy major, but we do recommend taking communication classes early in your college career. Deficiencies should be addressed as early as possible. You should try to complete your general studies requirements in your first two years.

²Since the philosophy major requires only 30 hours of coursework, it is possible to meet the requirements in fewer than four years. Beyond your general education requirements and the philosophy major you will have over 50 additional hours of coursework to complete for graduation. These are listed here as electives. You may want to take additional philosophy courses. You will need a minor though many philosophy majors also take a second major to enrich their resume.

³You need only take at least one course from our Perspectives list, though additional selections will count toward your 30 hours in the major.