

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: PHILOSOPHY B.A.

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This is **one way** a student can complete this 30-credit hour program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

FIRST YEAR 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.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	FOK (Individual & Society) – PHI 110*	3	FOK (Global Viewpoints) – PHI 200 or 220	3
	FOK (Communication: Written I)	3	FOK (Communication: Oral)	3
	FOK (Culture & Creativity) - REL 200 [†]	3	FOK Mathematics & Statistics) - PHI 265	3
	FOK (Individual & Society)	3	FOK (Communication: Written II)	3
	FOK (Natural Science)	3	FOK (Cultural Pluralism)	3
	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
SECOND YEAR Use the electives to begin taking courses toward a minor or second major program. Explore summer research, coop, or internship opportunities. Begin to gain career experience appropriate for goals. Consider joining the philosophy Ethics Bowl team. (The team participates annually in a regional ethics competition.)	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	FOK (Culture & Creativity) –PHI 181*	3	FOK (Natural Science with laboratory)	4
	Philosophy Upper -level Elective	3	PHI 315 Knowledge and Reality or PHI 345 Philosophy of Mind	3
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			PHI 281 Careers and Philosophy	0
	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	16
THIRD YEAR Use the electives to take more philosophy classes or to earn a minor or second major. Explore summer research, coop, internship, or study abroad opportunities. If your GPA is above 3.0, ask about Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honor society. Consider joining the philosophy Ethics Bowl team. (The team participates annually in a regional ethics competition.)	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	PHI 305 Existentialism or PHI 393 History of Philosophy	3	Philosophy Upper -level Elective	3
	Elective	3	Philosophy Elective or course in Minor	3
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	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
FOURTH YEAR 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!	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	PHI 491 Philosophy Capstone	0		
	Total Hours	15	Total Hours	14
GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS				120

Notes:

*The major counts only 1 100-level course toward the major so the most economical choice would be to choose either PHI 181 or PHI 111.

But both will count for satisfying FOK categories.

*REL 200 World Religions and Cultures is only recommended.

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. No one path through the general education (Foundation of Knowledge—FOK) 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 education requirements in your first two years. Since the philosophy major requires only 30 hours of coursework, it is possible to meet the requirements in fewer than four years. About half of our philosophy majors have been double majors. Many philosophy majors also have taken a second major to enrich their resume. The requirements for the Philosophy major are flexible enough to allow students to complete double-major without an extended delay in their graduation. After completing your general education requirements and the philosophy major, you may still have over 60 additional hours of coursework left to complete for the 120 credit hours required for graduation. The abundant number of free general electives can be used to pursue the other graduation requirements, such as a second major, minor or focus.