

UCF Degree Programs

Philosophy (B.A.)

College of Arts and Humanities

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The B.A. program in Philosophy aims to provide students with the theoretical skills and knowledge to engage with the complex issues of our time. It centers on the principles of knowledge, responsibility, and society, and it provides students with opportunities to investigate the connections between intellectual pursuits and moral and public virtue.

Admission Requirements

- None

Degree Requirements

- Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
- Students must earn at least a "C" (2.0) in each required course.
- Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without prior departmental approval.
- Students should consult with a departmental advisor.
- Departmental Residency Requirement consists of at least 18 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken from the UCF Philosophy Department.
- Courses designated in 1 (General Education Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)

A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)

B: Cultural & Historical Foundations (9 hrs)

Required PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy 3 hrs

Select 2: (6 hrs)

HUM 2020	Encountering the Humanities or	3 hrs
HUM 2210	Humanistic Tradition I or	3 hrs
HUM 2230	Humanistic Tradition II or	3 hrs
REL 2300	World Religions	3 hrs

C: Mathematical Foundations (6 hrs)

Math (6 hrs)

Suggested	MGF 1106	Finite Mathematics or	3 hrs
Suggested	MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	3 hrs
		or	

You may substitute a higher level math with appropriate scores on the Math Placement Exam.

Statistics-Computers (3 hrs)

Select a course from GEP C.2 list 3 hrs

D: Social Foundations (6 hrs)

Suggested AMH 2020 U.S. History: 1877-Present 3 hrs

E: Science Foundations (6 hrs)

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP)

- None

3. Core Requirements: Basic Level (9 hrs)

PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy GEP

Select 2:

HUM 2020	Encountering the Humanities or	GEP
HUM 2210	Humanistic Tradition I or	GEP
HUM 2230	Humanistic Tradition II or	GEP
REL 2300	World Religions	GEP

4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (36 hrs)

Core (6 hrs)

¹ PHI 3083	Research Methods in Philosophy	3 hrs
PHI 4938	Senior Research Seminar	3 hrs

¹ To be completed before the end of Junior year as a prerequisite to enrollment in Senior courses.

Reasoning

Select 2: (6 hrs)

PHI 2011	Philosophical Reasoning or	3 hrs
PHI 2101	Formal Logic I or	3 hrs
PHI 2108	Critical Thinking or	3 hrs
PHI 2647	Logic and Ethics or	3 hrs
PHI 3131	Formal Logic II	3 hrs

History of Philosophy (9 hrs)

Select 2: (6 hrs)

PHH 3100	Ancient Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHH 3200	Medieval Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHH 3460	Modern Western Philosophy	3 hrs

Select 1: (3 hrs)

PHH 3600	Contemporary Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHH 3510	Marx and Nietzsche or	3 hrs
PHH 3700	American Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHI 3790	African Philosophy	3 hrs

Values and Society (6 hrs)

Select 2: (6 hrs)

PHI 3670	Ethical Theory or	3 hrs
PHI 3626	Advanced Ethics in Science and	3 hrs

	Technology or	
PHM 3401	Philosophy of Law or	3 hrs
PHI 3800	Aesthetics or	3 hrs
PHM 3123	Feminist Theories or	3 hrs
PHI 3638	Ethical Issues in the 21st Century or	3 hrs
PHI 3625	Virtual Ethics or	3 hrs
PHI 4633	Ethics and Biological Science or	3 hrs
PHM 3100	Freedom and Justice or	3 hrs
PHI 3640	Environmental Ethics or	3 hrs
PHM 4031	Environmental Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHH 3701	Native American Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHI 3805	Contemporary Aesthetics or	3 hrs
PHM 3020	Philosophy of Love or	3 hrs
PHI 4673	Medical Ethics or	3 hrs
HUM 4823	Queer Theory in the Humanities	3 hrs

Being and Knowing (6 hrs)

Select 2: (6 hrs)

PHI 4500	Metaphysics or	3 hrs
PHI 4341	Ways of Knowing or	3 hrs
PHI 4300	Theories of Knowledge or	3 hrs
PHI 3700	Philosophy of Religion or	3 hrs
PHI 4400	Philosophy of Science or	3 hrs
PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind or	3 hrs
PHI 3451	Philosophy of Psychology or	3 hrs
PHI 4420	Philosophy of Social Science or	3 hrs
PHI 3323	Minds and Machines: Philosophy of	3 hrs
	Cognitive Science or	
PHP 4782	Phenomenology or	3 hrs
PHI 4221	Philosophy of Language	3 hrs

Topics in Philosophy (3 hrs)

Select 1: (3 hrs)

- Appropriate Special Topics in Philosophy may be substituted for some core courses with prior approval by Departmental advisor.

PHI 4931	Philosophy in the News or	3 hrs
PHI 4321	Philosophies of Embodiment: Mind/Body/	3 hrs

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PHM 3022	Sexuality, Gender & Philosophy or	3 hrs
PHI 3033	Philosophy, Religion, and the Environment	3 hrs

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PHI 4804	Critical Theory or	3 hrs
PHP 3783	Modernity as a Philosophical Problem or	3 hrs

PHI 3750	The Problem of Evil or	3 hrs
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PHI 3720	Faith and Reason or	3 hrs
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PHI 3803	Philosophy and Creativity or	3 hrs
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REL 3111	Religion and Philosophy Through Film or	3 hrs
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PHP 3786	Existentialism or	3 hrs
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HUM 4330	Performance Theory or	3 hrs
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PHI 4935	Topics in Philosophy of Mind or	3 hrs
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PHP 4933	Key Concepts in Philosophy or	3 hrs
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PHP 4931	Key Figures in Philosophy	3 hrs
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5. Restricted Electives (6 hrs)

- Select six hours of approved courses in Philosophy or related areas, subject to approval by Departmental advisor.

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6. Capstone Requirements

- None

7. Foreign Language Requirements

Admissions

- Met by graduation requirement.

Graduation

■ Proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in a foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or Judaic Studies. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement. Majors who are contemplating graduate school should complete two years of a foreign language, preferably one functional in their area of proposed graduate interest.

8. Electives

■ Select primarily from upper level courses after meeting with a departmental advisor. Courses may be outside the department.

9. Additional Requirements

- None

10. Required Minors

- None

11. Departmental Exit Requirements

■ Earn a "C" (2.0) or better in each required course.
 ■ Departmental Exit Exam in final semester, included in PHI 4938: Senior Research Seminar
 ■ To avoid delaying graduation, you must request a review of requirements prior to registering for your last term.

12. University Minimum Exit Requirements

- A 2.0 UCF GPA
- 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
- 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
- 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residency at UCF.
- A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.
- Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

Total Semester Hours Required

- 120

Honors In Major

■ Students considering graduate school in philosophy are strongly encouraged to take Honors in the Major. Requirements are as follows:

Core Requirements 36 hrs

- Same requirements as for regular majors, but must include the following:
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| PHI 2101 | Formal Logic I | 3 hrs |
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Upper Division Restricted Electives 6 hrs

- Same as requirement for regular majors

Honors Thesis

PHI 4903H	Honors Directed Reading I	3 hrs
PHI 4970H	Undergraduate Honors Thesis	3 hrs

Additional Requirements

- Application and admission through the Philosophy Honors Coordinator and the Burnett Honors College.
 - Fulfill University requirements for Honors in the Major.
 - Maintain UCF GPA of at least 3.2 and a Philosophy GPA of at least 3.5.
 - Successful completion and oral defense of Honors thesis.
 - Earn a "B" (3.0) or better in both of the following courses:
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| PHI 4903H | Honors Directed Reading I | 3 hrs |
| PHI 4970H | Undergraduate Honors Thesis | 3 hrs |

Related Programs

- Humanities and Cultural Studies
- Religion and Cultural Studies

Certificates

- None

Related Minors

- Cognitive Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- Humanities and Cultural Studies
- Religion and Cultural Studies
- Women's Studies

Advising Notes

- None

Transfer Notes

- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses

- None

Plan of Study

- One of numerous possible plans of study. See program description for all requirements.

Freshman Year - Fall		16 hrs
ENC 1101	Composition I	3 hrs
HUM 2210	Humanistic Tradition I	3 hrs
MGF 1106	Finite Mathematics	3 hrs
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
SPN 1120C	Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization I	4 hrs

Freshman Year - Spring		16 hrs
ENC 1102	Composition II	3 hrs
HUM 2230	Humanistic Tradition II	3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
SPN 1121C	Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization II	4 hrs
GEP		3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Fall		15 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Spring		15 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Junior Year - Fall		15 hrs
PHI 3083	Research Methods in Philosophy	3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Junior Year - Spring		15 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Senior Year - Fall		15 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Senior Year - Spring		15 hrs
PHI 4938	Senior Research Seminar	3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Program Academic Learning Compacts

- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at:
http://www.oas.ucf.edu/aic/academic_learning_compacts.htm