

## Undergraduate Program in Philosophy -- General Major

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### General Major

1. 33-45 semester hours in philosophy.
2. 33 hours of grade C- or better in philosophy.
3. A 2.0 average for all work attempted in philosophy.
4. Eighteen hours of upper division work in philosophy with grades of C- or better.
5. No more than eight hours of independent study may count toward the minimum requirements.
6. Majors must complete at least 12 hours of their upper division course work on the Boulder Campus.
7. Completion of the following area requirements in philosophy, with a grade of C- or better:
  - A. History (three courses)
    - Phil 3000 History of Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval
    - Phil 3010 History of Philosophy, Modern
    - and one course from the following:*
    - Phil 4010 Single Philosopher
    - Phil 4020 Topics in History of Philosophy
    - Phil 4030 Medieval Philosophy
    - Phil 4040 Twentieth-Century Philosophy
    - Phil 4070 Existentialist Philosophy
    - Phil 4080 Introduction to Phenomenology
    - Phil 4090 Philosophy of Kierkegaard
    - Phil 4250 Marxism
  - B. Logic (one course)
    - Phil 2440 Symbolic Logic *OR*
    - Phil 4440 Math Logic *OR*
    - Phil 4460 Modal Logic
  - C. Philosophical Writing (one course)
    - Phil 3480 Critical Thinking & Writing in Philosophy (Prereq. or coreq. Phil 2440)
  - D. Values
    - Phil 3100 Ethical Theory (Prereq. or coreq. Phil 3480)
    - and one course from the following:*
    - Phil 2140 Environmental Justice
    - Phil 2200 Major Social Theories
    - Phil 2220 Philosophy and the Law
    - Phil 2270 Philosophy and Race
    - Phil 2290 Philosophy and Women
    - Phil 3110 Feminist Practical Ethics
    - Phil 3140 Environmental Ethics
    - Phil 3160 Bioethics
    - Phil 3190 War and Morality
    - Phil 3200 Social and Political Philosophy
    - Phil 3260 Philosophy and International Order
    - Phil 4110 Contemporary Moral Theory
    - Phil 4200 Contemporary Political Philosophy
    - Phil 4250 Marxism
  - E. Metaphysics And Epistemology (two courses)
    - Phil 3340 Epistemology (Prereq. or coreq. Phil 3480)
    - and one course from the following:*
    - Phil 3600 Philosophy of Religion
    - Phil 4300 Philosophy of Mind
    - Phil 4360 Metaphysics
    - Phil 4400 Philosophy of Science
    - Phil 4490 Philosophy of Language
  - F. Electives (two courses)
    - Includes all courses which are at the 2000 level or above, and are not taken to satisfy any of the above requirements

### Topically Oriented Majors

As an alternative philosophy major, there are two topically-oriented programs grounded in and coordinated by the Department of Philosophy which are interdisciplinary in nature: Law and Society and Values and Social Policy. Law and Society requires 33 hours of philosophy and 12 hours from other departments which have been approved by the appropriate department advisor. Values and Social Policy requires 33 hours of philosophy and 15 hours in allied disciplines approved by the policy center advisor. Two semesters in the History of Philosophy are required for each of the topically-oriented majors, as well as some "core courses" varying according to the topical emphasis.

### Individually Structured Majors

An individually structured major is a special program of study, proposed by a student and supervised by a three-person faculty committee, usually cross-departmental, requiring specific approval in each case by the Dean. These are considered exceptional cases, to be approved only when no existing departmental major (including topical majors or interdisciplinary major programs) will serve a legitimate educational project of the student. A senior thesis supervised by the committee chairman is required.

### Distributed Major

#### Plan A: Two Area Distributed Major with Philosophy as Primary Subject

At least 30 hours in philosophy of grade C- or better including 15 upper division hours, and a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.

#### Required Courses

Phil 1440 Introductory Logic **OR** Phil 2440 Symbolic Logic  
Phil 3000 History of Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval  
Phil 3100 Ethical Theory

and one course from the following:

Phil 3340 Epistemology	Phil 3600 Philosophy of Religion
Phil 4300 Philosophy of Mind	Phil 4360 Metaphysics
Phil 4400 Philosophy of Science	Phil 4490 Philosophy of Language

Secondary Subject: at least 30 hours of C- grade or better, including 15 upper division hours; and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0. Selection of the secondary subject should be approved by the Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of Philosophy. No first-year course in English language or foreign language may be used for the requirement of either a primary or a secondary subject.

#### Plan B: Three Area Distributed Major with Philosophy as Primary Subject

At least 30 hours in philosophy of grade C- or better and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or better and including 12 hours of upper-division work of grade C- or better.

#### Required Courses

Phil 1440 Introductory Logic **OR** Phil 2440 Symbolic Logic  
Phil 3000 History of Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval  
Phil 3100 Ethical Theory

and one course from the following:

Phil 3340 Epistemology	Phil 3600 Philosophy of Religion
Phil 4300 Philosophy of Mind	Phil 4360 Metaphysics
Phil 4400 Philosophy of Science	Phil 4490 Philosophy of Language

Secondary Subjects: at least 30 hours distributed among two departments; a single secondary subject shall consist of at least 15 hours of C- grade or better in one department including 8 hours of upper division work, and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 in the subject. No first year courses in English language or foreign languages may be used as satisfaction of the requirements of either a primary or a secondary subject.

NOTE: Philosophy as Secondary Subject requires 30 hours of C- or better, including 15 upper division hours, and a cumulative grade-point average in philosophy of at least 2.0 (for plan A) or 15 hours of C- or better, including 8 upper division hours, and a cumulative grade-point average in philosophy of at least 2.0 (for Plan B).

## Topical Major in Philosophy: Law and Society

(effective Fall 2009)

The object of this topical major is to provide a framework within which students interested in law may gain a broader understanding of that subject. While this program may be of special value to pre-law students, it is expected to serve the needs of other students as well. The requirements of the program are 33–45 hours in philosophy (21 of which must be upper division) and 12 hours in allied disciplines. The 12 hours may be taken in a variety of departments, including, for example, political science, history, sociology, economics. The 33 hours in philosophy must include all the courses listed in Group I. Group II lists additional courses that are recommended but not required. The requirements listed below are relevant to both the general major and topical majors:

1. **33 hours** of grade C- or better in philosophy.
2. A 2.0 average for all work attempted in philosophy.
3. Twenty-one hours of upper division work in philosophy with grades of C- or better.
4. No more than eight hours of independent study may count toward the minimum requirements.
5. Majors must complete at least 12 hours of their upper division course work on the Boulder Campus.

### Group I: Required Courses (27 hours)

- Phil 1440/Introductory Logic **OR** Phil 2440/Symbolic Logic
- Phil 2200/Major Social Theories
- Phil 2220/Philosophy and the Law
- Phil 3000/History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval
- Phil 3010/History of Philosophy: Modern
- Phil 3100/Ethical Theory
- Phil 3180/Critical Thinking: Contemporary Topics **OR** Phil 3480/Critical Thinking & Writing
- Phil 3200/Social and Political Philosophy
- Phil 4260/Philosophy of Law

### Group II: Recommended Courses

- Phil 2140/Environmental Justice
- Phil 2290/Philosophy and Women
- Phil 3110/Feminist Practical Ethics
- Phil 3140/Environmental Ethics
- Phil 3160/Bioethics
- Phil 3260/Philosophy and the International Order
- Phil 4110/Contemporary Moral Theory
- Phil 4200/Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Phil 4250/Marxism

### Group III: Required Courses

Twelve hours of approved courses from other departments. Student is to consult with faculty advisor as to the appropriateness of particular courses to the program.

### Permissible non-philosophy courses for the Law and Society Topical Major

Classics	4761 Roman law
Economics	4545 Environmental economics
Humanities	4825 Law and Literature
Poli Sci	1970 Legal rights of students
	2481 Introduction to the legal process
	4021 Legislatures and Legislation
	4231 Administrative law
	4241 Constitutional law
	4271 Sex discrimination
	4771 Civil rights and liberties
	4183 International law
Psychology	2456 Social psychology of social problems
Sociology	Virtually any of the courses listed under "criminology"

Note: this list does not claim to be exhaustive. Other courses may be permissible as well upon request. For further information, see David Boonin, Hellems 182, ext. 2-6964.

## Topical Major in Philosophy: Values and Social Policy

Values and Social Policy is a topically oriented major within the Department of Philosophy that draws on courses in a variety of departments and disciplines. This major was developed in order to prepare students for policy-oriented positions, whether in business, government, or academia. Such positions typically require some expertise in the social sciences as well as expertise in the study of values.

This topical major provides students with a firm foundation in philosophy as well as solid training in allied disciplines. Students interested in this major are urged to meet with the faculty advisor as early as possible in their academic careers. The student and the advisor will develop a program together that is especially suited to the interests and career goals of the student.

The major in Values and Social Policy requires 33–45 hours in philosophy and 15 hours in allied disciplines. The 15 hours in allied disciplines can be taken in a variety of departments, including, for example, economics, political science, geography, sociology, biology, and history. The 33 hours in philosophy must include all six courses from Group I and four courses from Group II. In addition the requirements as listed below for a general major are also relevant to the topical major.

1. **33 hours** of grade C- or better in philosophy.
2. A 2.0 average for all work attempted in philosophy.
3. Eighteen hours of upper division work in philosophy with grades of C- or better.
4. No more than eight hours of independent study may count toward the minimum requirements.
5. Majors must complete at least 12 hours of their upper division course work on the Boulder Campus.

### Group I: Required Courses

- Phil 1440/Introductory Logic **OR** Phil 2440/Symbolic Logic Philosophy
- Phil 2200/Major Social Theories
- Phil 3000/History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval
- Phil 3010/History of Philosophy: Modern
- Phil 3100/Ethical Theory
- Phil 3200/Social and Political Philosophy

### Group II: Choose any four

- Phil 2140/Environmental Justice
- Phil 2220/Philosophy and the Law
- Phil 2270/Philosophy and Race
- Phil 2290/Philosophy and Women
- Phil 3110/Feminist Practical Ethics
- Phil 3140/Environmental Ethics
- Phil 3160/Bioethics
- Phil 3190/War and Morality
- Phil 3260/Philosophy and the International Order
- Phil 3930/Internship in Social Philosophy
- Phil 4110/Contemporary Moral Theory
- Phil 4200/Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Phil 4250/Marxism
- Phil 4260/Philosophy of Law
- Other courses with advisor's approval

Group III: Fifteen hours of approved courses in allied fields.

For further information, see Claudia Mills, Hellems 190, ext. 2-8355

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