



Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy*

The Department of Philosophy offers three distinct ways of completing the philosophy major.

General Track

- 33 hours in philosophy with a grade of C- or better in each course
- Minimum C (2.0) average for all work attempted in philosophy
- Completion of the following area requirements:

History (three courses)—9

- PHIL 3000 – History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3010 – History of Modern Philosophy
- One course from the following:*
 - PHIL 4010 – Single Philosopher
 - PHIL 4020 – Topics in the History of Philosophy
 - PHIL 4030 – Medieval Philosophy
 - PHIL 4040 – Studies in 20th Century Philosophy
 - PHIL 4070 – Existentialist Philosophy
 - PHIL 4250 – Marxism

Logic (one course)—3

- One course from the following:*
 - PHIL 2440 – Symbolic Logic
 - PHIL 4440 – Topics in Logic (Mathematical Logic)
 - PHIL 4460 – Modal Logic

Philosophical Writing (one course)—3

- PHIL 3480 – Critical Thinking/Writing in Philosophy

Values (two courses)—6

- PHIL 3100 – Ethical Theory
- One course of the following:*
 - PHIL 2140 – Environmental Justice
 - PHIL 2150 – Ethics and Sex
 - PHIL 2160 – Ethics and Information Technology
 - PHIL 2170 – Ethics and Economics
 - PHIL 2200 – Major Social and Political Theories

* More information about the Undergraduate Program in Philosophy can be found on the Philosophy Department's website (<http://www.colorado.edu/philosophy/undergraduate>).

- PHIL 2220 – Philosophy and Law
- PHIL 2270 – Philosophy and Race
- PHIL 2290 – Philosophy and Gender
- PHIL 3040 – African Philosophy: Personhood & Morality
- PHIL 3110 – Feminist Practical Ethics
- PHIL 3140 – Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 3160 – Bioethics
- PHIL 3170 – Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
- PHIL 3190 – War and Morality
- PHIL 3200 – Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3260 – Philosophy and the International Order
- PHIL 3700 – Aesthetic Theory
- PHIL 4110 – Contemporary Moral Theory
- PHIL 4120 – Philosophy and Animals
- PHIL 4150 – Topics in Applied Ethics
- PHIL 4200 – Contemporary Political Philosophy
- PHIL 4250 – Marxism
- PHIL 4260 – Philosophy of Law

Metaphysics and Epistemology (two courses)—6

- PHIL 4340 – Epistemology
- *One course of the following:*
 - PHIL 3600 – Philosophy of Religion
 - PHIL 4040 – Studies in 20th Century Philosophy
 - PHIL 4300 – Philosophy of Mind
 - PHIL 4360 – Metaphysics
 - PHIL 4370 – Free Will and Determinism
 - PHIL 4400 – Philosophy of Science
 - PHIL 4490 – Philosophy of Language

Electives (two courses)—6

- any philosophy course that is not taken to satisfy any of the above requirements
- a second such course

Additional Requirements:

- At least 18 of the 33 philosophy hours must be upper-division.
- At least 12 of the 18 upper-division philosophy hours must be completed on the Boulder campus.
- No more than 3 hours of independent study may count toward the major requirements.
- No more than 3 hours of internship credit (PHIL 3930) may count towards the elective requirement.
- A single course can count towards at most one area requirement.

Values and Social Policy Track

The Values and Social Policy Track 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.

- 33 hours in philosophy with a grade of C- or better in each course
- 15 hours in allied fields
- Minimum C (2.0) average for all work attempted in philosophy
- Completion of the following area requirements:

Group I: Core Courses (six courses) – 18

- PHIL 1440 – Critical Thinking *-or-* PHIL 2440 – Symbolic Logic
- PHIL 2200 – Major Social and Political Theories
- PHIL 3000 – History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3010 – History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3100 – Ethical Theory
- PHIL 3200 – Social and Political Philosophy

Group II: Additional Courses (any four courses from the following) – 12

- PHIL 2140 – Environmental Justice
- PHIL 2150 – Ethics and Sex
- PHIL 2160 – Ethics and Information Technology
- PHIL 2170 – Ethics and Economics
- PHIL 2220 – Philosophy and Law
- PHIL 2270 – Philosophy and Race
- PHIL 2290 – Philosophy and Gender
- PHIL 3040 – African Philosophy: Personhood & Morality
- PHIL 3110 – Feminist Practical Ethics
- PHIL 3140 – Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 3160 – Bioethics
- PHIL 3170 – Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

- PHIL 3190 – War and Morality
- PHIL 3260 – Philosophy and the International Order
- PHIL 3700 – Aesthetic Theory
- PHIL 3930 – Internship in Social Policy
- PHIL 4110 – Contemporary Moral Theory
- PHIL 4120 – Philosophy and Animals
- PHIL 4150 – Topics in Applied Ethics
- PHIL 4200 – Contemporary Political Philosophy
- PHIL 4250 – Marxism
- PHIL 4260 – Philosophy of Law
- Other courses with Faculty Advisor’s approval

Group III: Elective (one course)—3

- any philosophy course that is not taken to satisfy any of the above requirements

Group IV: Allied Fields (15 hours of approved courses in allied fields)—15

The set of 15 hours in allied disciplines can be taken within or across a variety of departments, such as economics, political science, geography, sociology, biology, and history. Course sets are approved by the Philosophy Department’s Values and Social Policy Track Advisor, Dave Youkey (david.youkey@colorado.edu).

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- No more than 3 hours of independent study may count toward the major requirements.
- No more than 3 hours of internship credit (PHIL 3930) may count towards the elective requirement.

Law and Society Track

The object of the Law and Society Track 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, a firm grounding in the law and its relationship to morality and social science is a strong foundation for work in both the public interest and private sectors. The requirements of the program are 33 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, such as, for example, political science, history, sociology, and 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.

- 33 hours in philosophy with a grade of C- or better in each course
- 12 hours in allied disciplines
- Minimum C (2.0) average for all work attempted in philosophy
- Completion of the following area requirements:

Group I: Required Courses (these nine courses)—27

- PHIL 1440 – Critical Thinking *-or-* PHIL 2440 – Symbolic Logic
- PHIL 2200 – Major Social and Political Theories
- PHIL 2220 – Philosophy and Law
- PHIL 3000 – History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3010 – History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3100 – Ethical Theory
- PHIL 3200 – Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3480 – Critical Thinking/Writing in Philosophy
- PHIL 4260 – Philosophy of Law

Group II: Electives (any two philosophy courses; the courses below are merely recommended)—6

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- PHIL 2150 – Ethics and Sex
- PHIL 2160 – Ethics and Information Technology
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Group III: Allied Fields (12 hours of approved courses in allied fields)–12

Courses are approved by the Philosophy Department’s Law and Society Track Advisor, Brian Talbot (btalbot@colorado.edu). The following courses have been pre-approved. Always check prerequisites.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BCOR 3000 – Business Law, Ethics, & Public Policy ○ CLAS 4761 / HIST 4761 – Roman Law ○ COMM 3320 – Persuasion in Society ○ ECON 4060 – Choice Theory & Economic Ethics: Good, Bad & Happiness ○ ECON 4545 – Environmental Economics ○ ECON 4797 – Antitrust & Regulation ○ HIST 4013 – Law & Society in Premodern England to 1688 ○ LAWS 4005 – Constitutional Law: Founding Principles/Current Debates* ○ LAWS 4075 – Introduction to American Law* ○ LAWS 4618 – Marijuana Law in Colorado* ○ LAWS 4700 – Native American & Indigenous Peoples Law* ○ LAWS 4801 – Technology, Law, & Society* ○ PSCI 1101 – Introduction to American Politics ○ PSCI 2481 – Introduction to the Legal Process ○ PSCI 3011 – The American Presidency & the Executive Branch ○ PSCI 3041 – The American Congress ○ PSCI 3054 – American Political Thought ○ PSCI 3091 – Politics of Social Movements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PSCI 3172 – Democracy & Its Citizens in the US and EU ○ PSCI 3206 – The Environment & Public Policy ○ PSCI 3225 – Strategy and Politics ○ PSCI 3271 – Law & Society: Legal Institutions & Human Behavior ○ PSCI 3301 – Gender, Sexuality, & U.S. Law ○ PSCI 3774 – Free Speech & Dangerous Ideas ○ PSCI 4183 – International Law ○ PSCI 4241 – Constitutional Law ○ PSCI 4771 – Civil Rights & Liberties in America ○ SOCY 2044 – Crime & Society ○ SOCY 3032 – Social Epidemiology ○ SOCY 3044 – Race, Class, Gender, & Crime ○ SOCY 3314 – Violence against Women & Girls ○ SOCY 4004 – Advanced Topics in Criminology ○ SOCY 4007 – Global Human Ecology ○ SOCY 4014 – Criminology ○ SOCY 4024 – Juvenile Justice & Delinquency ○ SOCY 4052 – Social Inequalities in Health ○ SOCY 4071 – Social Stratification ○ SOCY 4084 – Punishment, Law, & Society ○ SOCY 4104 – The Death Penalty in America |
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* College of Arts and Sciences students may apply a total of 30 credit hours from the other colleges and schools at CU Boulder for the BA degree. See <https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/policies-requirements/>.