

# Philosophy - Prelaw Option, B.A.

## DEPARTMENT

BA in Philosophy, B.A.  
MN in Philosophy, Minor  
BA in Philosophy - Religious Studies Option, B.A.  
BA in Philosophy - Prelaw Option, B.A.  
MN in Peace & Conflict Studies, Minor  
MN in Middle East Studies, Minor

## REQUIREMENTS

Department of Philosophy

### **Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements Philosophy - Prelaw Option**

Students must select from the Philosophy Major, the Prelaw Option, or the Religious Studies Option.

#### **1. Philosophy Major requirements (33 units)**

*Core (18 units)*

Lower-division: PHIL 25

Upper-division: PHIL 101, 115, 126, 131, 170T

*Prelaw Option (15 units)*

The Prelaw Option emphasizes critical thinking and analytical skills, as well as ethics and issues related to law. It also includes a law-related intern experience. Law schools do not prefer any specific major, but emphasize critical thinking and general education. (See Preprofessional Preparation). Students with a strong interest in philosophy as well as law may find this option valuable. Depending upon the interests of the student, courses or minors in political science, business, criminology, and a variety of social sciences would be useful electives for the Prelaw Option.

Required courses: PHIL 127, 199

Choose one course (3 units) from: PHIL 118, 121, 122, 125W, 157

Choose one approved upper-division philosophy elective (3 units)

Choose one course (3 units) from: AFRS 146; ANTH 119; BA 18; COMM 105, 149, 163; CRIM 20; PLSI 110, 111, 170, 171

#### **2. General Education requirements (49 units)**

#### **3. Other requirements (9 units)**

American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

#### **4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)**

#### **5. Total units (120)\***

\* G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details. This total indicates that PHIL 25 (3 units) in G.E. Foundation A3 may be applied to the philosophy major.

#### **Advising Notes**

1. CR/NC grading is not permitted in courses used to fulfill the philosophy major requirements.
2. General Education and elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (See Degree Requirements). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.
3. Students intending to pursue graduate study in philosophy, law, or religious studies should seek a faculty advisor's help in planning adequate preparation.
4. Visit the Philosophy Department office or your faculty advisor for the list of approved T classes for the major.
5. If the upper-division writing skills requirement is not met by passing the university Upper-Division Writing Examination (0 units), then a 3- to 4-unit W course must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

## **FACULTY**

The department has a diverse and well-trained faculty with special interests ranging from logic and scientific method to existentialism and philosophy of religion. All members of the department share the conviction that the best way to teach philosophy is through an intense but sympathetic interchange between the teacher and the student.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.