PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if world language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major
A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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<td>Select 9 credits in philosophy at the 200 level</td>
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Requirements for the Option: General Philosophy Option (21 credits)

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<td>Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level</td>
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<td>PHIL 407</td>
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<td>PHIL 427</td>
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 9 credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in consultation with adviser

Humanities and Arts Option (21 credits)

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Philosophy of Science and Mathematics Option (21 credits)

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 additional credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in consultation with adviser
Select 3 credits at the 400 level in a related arts or humanities discipline, in consultation with adviser

Social Sciences Option (21 credits)

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<td>PHIL 202</td>
<td>Modern Philosophy: 1600-1800</td>
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Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level | 6
Select one of the following: | 3
  PHIL 401  American Philosophy
  PHIL 408W  Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy
  PHIL 416  Philosophy of Social Science
  PHIL 425W  Seminar in Epistemology
  PHIL 438  Seminar in Feminist Philosophy

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better**

Select 6 additional credits in philosophy at the 400 level, in consultation with adviser | 6
Select 3 credits at the 400 level in social science, in consultation with adviser | 3

**Professional Studies Option (21 credits)**

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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**Additional Courses** |  | 
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**Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better** |  | 
Select 6 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level | 6
PHIL 10  Critical Thinking | 3
or PHIL 12  Symbolic Logic | 3
Select one of the following: | 3
  PHIL 405  Seminar in Philosophy of Law
  PHIL 418  Seminar in Ethical Theory
  PHIL 432  Medical and Health Care Ethics
  PHIL 433  Ethics in Science and Engineering
  PHIL 435  Science and Religion

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better**

Select 9 credits at the 400 level in a professional area outside philosophy, in consultation with adviser | 9

**Justice, Law, and Values Option (21 credits)**

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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**Prescribed Courses** |  | 
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**Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better** |  | 
PHIL 105  Philosophy of Law | 3

**Additional Courses** |  | 
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**Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better** |  | 
PHIL 10  Critical Thinking | 3
or PHIL 12  Symbolic Logic | 3
Select 3 credits in philosophy at the 00 or 100 level | 3
Select 3 credits in philosophy at the 400 level | 3
Select one of the following: | 3
  PHIL 403  Seminar in Environmental Ethics
  PHIL 405  Seminar in Philosophy of Law
  PHIL 407  Seminar in Philosophy of Technology
  PHIL 408W  Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy
  PHIL 418  Seminar in Ethical Theory
  PHIL 425W  Seminar in Epistemology
  PHIL 432  Medical and Health Care Ethics
  PHIL 433  Ethics in Science and Engineering
  PHIL 438  Seminar in Feminist Philosophy
Select two of the following: | 6

**AFAM 409  Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America**
**AFAM 465  The Post-World War II Civil Rights Movement**
**CAS 321  Rhetoric and Law**
**COMM 403  Law of Mass Communications**
**HIST 449  Constitutional History of the United States to 1877**
**HIST 450  Constitutional History of the United States since 1877**
**LST 370  Research Methods for Law and Government Information Resources**
**PLSC 403  The Legislative Process**
**PLSC 412  International Political Economy**
**PLSC 424  Topics in Comparative Government and Institutions**
**PLSC 431  Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Political Theories**
**PLSC 432  Modern and Contemporary Political Theories**
**PLSC 471  American Constitutional Law**
**PLSC 472  The American Legal Process**
**PLSC 474  Civil Liberties and Due Process**
**WMNST 423  Sexual and Domestic Violence**
**WMNST 453  Women and the Criminal Justice System**

**General Education**

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

**Foundations** (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ): 6 credits**
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits**

**Breadth in the Knowledge Domains** (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA): 3 credits**
- **Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits**
- **Humanities (GH): 3 credits**
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits**
- **Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits**

**Integrative Studies**

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits**

**Exploration**

- **GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits**
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the**
requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83:80 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

World Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one world language in addition to English. This proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the Placement Policy for Penn State World Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, World Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; world language credits in this category must be in a second world language in addition to English or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language). Credits must be selected from the list of approved courses.

World Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the University Cultural Diversity (US/IL) requirement.