UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements section of the Guide.

General Education

• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
• Communication Part A & Part B *
• Ethnic Studies *
• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

27 CREDITS AND 8 COURSES IN PHILOS

L&S Breadth

• 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
• 12 credits of Social Science; and
• 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework

Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work

Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major

Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits

Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience

• 30 credits in residence, overall; and
• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work

• 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics

Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language

• Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
• Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

27 CREDITS AND 8 COURSES IN PHILOS

PHILOS 211 or PHILOS 511
• Elementary Logic
• Symbolic Logic

PHILOS 430
• History of Ancient Philosophy

PHILOS 432
• History of Modern Philosophy

PHILOS 430
• History of Ancient Philosophy

PHILOS 432
• History of Modern Philosophy

PHILOS/JEWISH/RELIG ST 435
• Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century

PHILOS 440
• Existentialism

PHILOS/ENVIR ST 441
• Environmental Ethics

PHILOS 454
• Classical Philosophers

PHILOS 481
• Junior Honors Seminar

PHILOS 482
• Junior Honors Seminar

PHILOS/RELIG ST 501
• Philosophy of Religion

PHILOS/RELIG ST 502
• Special Topics in Philosophy of Religion

PHILOS 503
• Theory of Knowledge
PHILOS 504  Special Topics in the Theory of Knowledge
PHILOS 506  Study Abroad in Philosophy
PHILOS 511  Symbolic Logic
PHILOS 512  Methods of Logic
PHILOS 516  Language and Meaning
PHILOS 520  Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
PHILOS 521  Philosophy of the Social Sciences
PHILOS 522  Special Topic
PHILOS/ENVIR ST 523  Philosophical Problems of the Biological Sciences
PHILOS/ECON 524  Philosophy and Economics
PHILOS 530  Freedom Fate and Choice
PHILOS 541  Modern Ethical Theories
PHILOS 543  Special Topics in Ethics
PHILOS 549  Great Moral Philosophers
PHILOS/ED POL 550  Philosophy of Moral Education
PHILOS 551  Philosophy of Mind
PHILOS 553  Aesthetics
PHILOS 555  Political Philosophy
PHILOS 556  Topics in Feminism and Philosophy
PHILOS 557  Issues in Social Philosophy
PHILOS 560  Metaphysics
PHILOS 562  Special Topics in Metaphysics
PHILOS 567  Topics in Contemporary Philosophy
PHILOS/MATH 571  Mathematical Logic
PHILOS 581  Senior Honors Seminar
PHILOS 582  Senior Honors Seminar

Additional credits—if necessary—to achieve 27 for the major  3

Total Credits  27

DISTRIBUTION

Of the 27 credits, at least 1 course is required from each category ('Metaphysics and Epistemology' and 'Value Theory'):

Category 'Metaphysics and Epistemology' (complete one course):

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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all PHILOS courses and courses that count for the major
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level credits in the major, taken in residence
- 15 credits in PHILOS, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Philosophy Major in consultation with the Philosophy undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Philosophy, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Minimum 3.300 University GPA
- Minimum a 3.500 GPA for all PHILOS and major courses
- One additional course from either the Metaphysics and Epistemology or Value Theory categories with a grade of B or better
- PHILOS 681 (for 1-3 credits) and PHILOS 682 (for 3 credits) with a grade of AB or better.

FOOTNOTES

1. Courses between PHILOS 400–699 are considered upper-level in the major.
2. Students will not be permitted to write a Senior Honors Thesis unless they have taken at least one advanced course on the topic on which they will be writing. Credits earned by writing a Senior Honors Thesis will not count toward the 27 minimum credits required for the major.
UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree  To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency  Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. “In residence” means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work  Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.