

# PHILOSOPHY, B.S.

## REQUIREMENTS

### 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 (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits</li> <li>• Communication Part A &amp; Part B *</li> <li>• Ethnic Studies *</li> <li>• Quantitative Reasoning Part A &amp; Part B *</li> </ul> |
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\* 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.

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Mathematics** Complete two courses of 3+ credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level in MATH, COMP SCI, or STAT subjects. A maximum of one course in each of COMP SCI and STAT subjects counts toward this requirement.

**Foreign Language** Complete the third unit of a foreign language.

**L&S Breadth Complete:**

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include at least 6 credits of Literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits of Biological Science and 6 credits of Physical Science.

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| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework       | Complete at least 108 credits.   |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced Coursework | 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                     | Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 credits in residence, overall, and</li> <li>• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.</li> </ul> |
| Quality of Work                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison</li> <li>• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison</li> </ul> |

### 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

| Code   | Title   | Credits   |
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| PHILOS 211   | Elementary Logic  | 3-4       |
| or PHILOS 511  | Symbolic Logic  |           |
| PHILOS 430   | History of Ancient Philosophy                               | 3-4       |
| PHILOS 432   | History of Modern Philosophy                                | 3-4       |
| <b>5 advanced PHILOS courses of at least 3 credits from below:</b> |   | <b>15</b> |
| 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 502   |   |           |
| PHILOS 503   | Theory of Knowledge   |           |
| PHILOS 504   | Special Topics in the Theory of Knowledge                   |           |
| PHILOS 506   | Study Abroad in Philosophy                                  |           |
| PHILOS 511   | Symbolic Logic  |           |

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| 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/<br>ENVIR ST 523  | Philosophical Problems of the<br>Biological Sciences |           |
| PHILOS/<br>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/<br>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/<br>MATH 571  | Mathematical Logic                                   |           |
| PHILOS 581   | Senior Honors Seminar                                |           |
| PHILOS 582   | Senior Honors Seminar                                |           |
| <i>Additional credits—if necessary—to achieve 27 for the major</i> |  | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   |  | <b>27</b> |

## 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):

| Code                    | Title  | Credits |
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| PHILOS/<br>RELIG ST 501 | Philosophy of Religion   | 3-4     |
| PHILOS 503              | Theory of Knowledge  | 3       |
| PHILOS 504              | Special Topics in the Theory of<br>Knowledge (Bayesian Epistemology) | 3       |
| PHILOS 504              | Special Topics in the Theory of<br>Knowledge (Epistemic Ideals)      | 3       |
| PHILOS 516              | Language and Meaning   | 3       |
| PHILOS 520              | Philosophy of the Natural Sciences                                   | 3       |
| PHILOS 530              | Freedom Fate and Choice  | 3       |
| PHILOS 551              | Philosophy of Mind   | 3       |
| PHILOS 560              | Metaphysics  | 3       |
| PHILOS 562              | Special Topics in Metaphysics<br>(Consciousness)                     | 3       |
| PHILOS 567              | Topics in Contemporary Philosophy                                    | 3       |

### Category 'Value Theory' (complete one course):

| Code       | Title  | Credits |
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| PHILOS 241 | Introductory Ethics                            | 3-4     |
| PHILOS 454 | Classical Philosophers (Aristotle's<br>Ethics) | 3       |
| PHILOS 541 | Modern Ethical Theories                        | 3       |
| PHILOS 549 | Great Moral Philosophers                       | 3       |
| PHILOS 555 | Political Philosophy                           | 3       |

## 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<sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup>

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>

Courses between PHILOS 400–699 are considered upper-level in the major.

<sup>2</sup>

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.

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| 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.  |