

# Philosophy Major Programs

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## *Creighton University Department of Philosophy*

The Creighton University Department of Philosophy is committed to teaching and scholarship in both the history and problems of philosophy: students must be educated in both in order to grasp the traditions and complexities of their world. Students may complete the B. A., Major in Philosophy, program with or without a specialization in ethics. Students can apply for admission to the Philosophy Major or the Philosophy Major with Specialization in Ethics through the [Creighton College of Arts & Sciences web page](#). Upon completion of the major program, all students will fulfill each of the following learning objectives:

### 1. **Philosophical Knowledge**

- a) Knowledge of the History of Philosophy: Students will analyze and evaluate the ideas and arguments of some major philosophers of the past in the context of the history of philosophy in which those ideas and arguments developed.
- b) Knowledge of the Problems of Philosophy: Students will analyze and evaluate contrasting approaches to some fundamental problems in philosophy.

2. **Philosophical Skills:** Students will formulate and defend a position on a philosophical issue on their own.

3. **Philosophical Virtues:** Students will express the virtues of humility, respectfulness, good judgment, courage and perseverance in their written work.

### **B. A., Major in Philosophy (36 credits)**

*ONE of the following Philosophical Ideas courses:*

- PHL 107 Historical and Critical Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 110 Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
- PHL 111 Philosophical Ideas: Law
- PHL 112 Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
- PHL 113 Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
- PHL 118 Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

*ONE of the following Ethics courses:*

- PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding
- PHL 270 Philosophical Ethics
- PHL 271 Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
- PHL 272 Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
- PHL 275 Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

*ALL of the following philosophy courses*

- PHL 320 God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections
- PHL 492 Senior Seminar for Majors

*ONE of the following Logic courses:*

- PHL 201 Introduction to Logic
- PHL 312 Symbolic Logic (soon to be PHL 399)

*TWO of the following history of philosophy courses:*

- PHL 332 World Philosophy
- PHL 351 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
- PHL 367 American Philosophy
- PHL 370 History of Classical Greek Philosophy
- PHL 371 History of Hellenistic Philosophy
- PHL 372 History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHL 373 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHL 374 History of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Philosophy

*TWO of the following problems of philosophy courses:*

- PHL 321 Epistemology
- PHL 331 Moral Philosophy
- PHL 334 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 342 Metaphysics
- PHL 358 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL 422 Aesthetics
- PHL 424 Philosophy of Mind

*3 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, not on the history, problems, ultimate questions, or logic lists, and not cross-listed as SRP or intersections; plus 6 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, no more than 3 hours of which may be cross listed as SRP or intersections.*

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**B. A., Major in Philosophy with Specialization in Ethics  
(36 credits)**

*ONE of the following Philosophical Ideas courses:*

- PHL 107 Historical and Critical Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 110 Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
- PHL 111 Philosophical Ideas: Law
- PHL 112 Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
- PHL 113 Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
- PHL 118 Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

*ONE of the following Ethics courses:*

- PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding
- PHL 270 Philosophical Ethics
- PHL 271 Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
- PHL 272 Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
- PHL 275 Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

*ALL of the following philosophy courses*

- PHL 320 God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections
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- PHL 492 Senior Seminar for Majors

*ONE of the following Logic courses:*

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- PHL 372 History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHL 373 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHL 374 History of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Philosophy

*ONE of the following problems of philosophy courses:*

- PHL 321 Epistemology
- PHL 334 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 342 Metaphysics
- PHL 358 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL 422 Aesthetics
- PHL 424 Philosophy of Mind

*THREE of the following ethics courses:*

- PHL 392 Philosophy of Sport
- PHL 332 World Philosophy
- PHL 343 Ethics and the Professions
- PHL 348 Philosophy of Feminism
- PHL 354 Environmental Ethics
- PHL 355 Science, Technology, and Values
- PHL 356 Philosophy of Peace and War
- PHL 358 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL 359 History of Ethics
- PHL 360 History of Medieval Ethics
- PHL 365 Classics of Political Thought
- PHL 368 Moral Psychology
- PHL 390 Philosophy of Law
- PHL 435 Literature, Philosophy, and Economics
- PHL 453 Ethics and Public Policy
- PHL 455 Health Care, Society, and Values
- PHL 456 Public Health Ethics
- PHL 457 Biomedical Ethics
- PHL 482 Race in America

*NOTE: No more than 3 hours of courses cross-listed as SRP or intersections may be counted toward this major program of study.*