Philosophy Major Programs

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

**TWO of the following history of philosophy courses:**
- PHL 300 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
- PHL 320 God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections
- PHL 321 Epistemology
- PHL 322 Metaphysics
- PHL 324 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 342 Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL 343 Aesthetics
- PHL 345 Philosophy of Mind

**TWO of the following problems of philosophy courses:**
- PHL 321 Epistemology
- PHL 328 History of Classical Greek Philosophy
- PHL 323 History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHL 324 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHL 325 History of 19th-Century Philosophy
- PHL 326 History of 20th-Century Philosophy
- PHL 327 History of 21st-Century Philosophy
- PHL 328 History of Early Modern Philosophy
- PHL 329 History of Analytique Philosophy

**ALL of the following philosophy courses**
- PHL 330 History of Chinese Philosophy
- PHL 331 History of Hellenistic Philosophy
- PHL 332 History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHL 333 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHL 334 History of 19th-Century Philosophy
- PHL 335 History of 20th-Century Philosophy
- PHL 336 History of 21st-Century Philosophy
- PHL 337 History of Early Modern Philosophy
- PHL 338 History of Analytique Philosophy

**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.**
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
PHL 331  Moral Philosophy
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 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 19th-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.