

PHILOSOPHY

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Department Description: The Department of Philosophy at Creighton University is concerned to arouse and sustain a sense of wonder in students, to acquaint them with the main problems and historical periods in philosophy, to help them form the habit of rigorous and clear thinking, and to prepare them to make philosophically mature decisions during the course of a lifetime.

Web Contact/Information: Additional information about this department may be found at <http://www2.creighton.edu/ccas/philosophy/>. However, for definitive details, students are strongly encouraged to check the University's website for Bulletin changes at <http://www2.creighton.edu/registrar>.

PROGRAMS IN PHILOSOPHY

Specific Requirements for Admission to the Philosophy Major: At least a "C" in the prerequisite course: PHL 107. A GPA of 2.00 or better in philosophy courses completed at the time of application.

B. A., Major in Philosophy: 36 Credits

Course Requirements: The following Philosophy courses are required for both the History and the Problems tracks. In addition, the student must choose one track.

Philosophy Core

(All of the following:)

PHL 107	Critical and Historical Introduction to Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 201**	Introduction to Logic	3 credits
PHL 250	Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding	3 credits
PHL 320	God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections	3 credits
PHL 492	Senior Seminar for Majors	3 credits
	Two additional upper-division PHL courses.	6 credits

** Or a more advanced logic course.

History Track

History of Philosophy Core

(All of the following:)

PHL 370	History of Classical Greek Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 372	History of Medieval Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 373	History of Modern Philosophy	3 credits

*Electives**

(One of the following:)

PHL 321	Epistemology	3 credits
PHL 331	Moral Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 342	Metaphysics	3 credits

(One of the following:)

PHL 311	Utopian Thought	3 credits
PHL 351	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 353	Introduction to Buddhism	3 credits
PHL 359	History of Ethics	3 credits
PHL 366	St. Thomas and Thomism	3 credits
PHL 367	American Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 371	History of Hellenistic Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 374	History of 19 th -Century Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 410	Stoicism	3 credits
PHL 459	Marxism	3 credits
PHL 461	The Role of Philosophy in Theology	3 credits
PHL 462	The Thought of John Paul II	3 credits
PHL 463	Phenomenology	3 credits
PHL 465	American Pragmatism	3 credits
PHL 467	Existentialism	3 credits
PHL 469	Contemporary Analytic Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 480	Philosophical Classics	3 credits
PHL 481	A Major Philosopher	3 credits

Specialization in Ethics (History)

In addition to the Philosophy Core and History of Philosophy Core, as an alternative to the electives, students may specialize in Ethics (History) by following the program of study below:

(All of the following:)

PHL 331	Moral Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 359	History of Ethics	3 credits

*Ethics Electives****(Two of the following:)**

PHL 343	Ethics and the Professions	3 credits
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism	3 credits
PHL 354	Environmental Ethics	3 credits
PHL 356	Philosophy of Peace and War	3 credits
PHL 358	Social and Political Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 368	Moral Psychology	3 credits
PHL 401	Themes in Contemporary Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 435	Literature, Philosophy, and Economics	3 credits
PHL 440	Legal Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 453	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
PHL 455	Health Care, Society and Values	3 credits
PHL 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical & Theological Approaches	3 credits
PHL 475	Multiculturalism: History, Phil., Lit., and Education	3 credits
PHL 482	Race in America: Idea and Reality	3 credits

*Note: No more than one course that is crosslisted as SRP may be used as an elective course.

Problems Track

Problems of Philosophy Core

(All of the following:)

PHL 321	Epistemology	3 credits
PHL 331	Moral Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 342	Metaphysics	3 credits

*Electives**

(One of the following:)

PHL 370	History of Classical Greek Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 372	History of Medieval Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 373	History of Modern Philosophy	3 credits

(One of the following:)

PHL 309	Meaning in America	3 credits
PHL 317	Philosophy of Sport	3 credits
PHL 328	Philosophy of History	3 credits
PHL 333	Philosophy of the Human Sciences	3 credits
PHL 334	Philosophy of the Natural Sciences	3 credits
PHL 343	Ethics and the Professions	3 credits
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism	3 credits
PHL 354	Environmental Ethics	3 credits
PHL 355	Science, Technology, and Values	3 credits
PHL 356	Philosophy of Peace and War	3 credits
PHL 357	Bioethics	3 credits
PHL 358	Social and Political Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 368	Moral Psychology	3 credits
PHL 422	Aesthetics	3 credits
PHL 424	Philosophy of Mind	3 credits
PHL 430	Rationality and Religious Belief	3 credits
PHL 440	Legal Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 450	Philosophy and Commercial Societies	3 credits
PHL 451	Social Justice: Theory and Practice	3 credits
PHL 453	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
PHL 455	Health Care, Society and Values	3 credits
PHL 479	The Philosophy of Love and Sex	3 credits

Specialization in Ethics (Problems)

In addition to the Philosophy Core and Problems of Philosophy Core, as an alternative to the electives, students may specialize in Ethics (Problems) by following the program of study below:

(One of the following:)

PHL 370	History of Classical Greek Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 372	History of Medieval Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 373	History of Modern Philosophy	3 credits

*Ethics Electives**

(Three of the following:)

PHL 343	Ethics and the Professions	3 credits
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism	3 credits
PHL 354	Environmental Ethics	3 credits
PHL 356	Philosophy of Peace and War	3 credits
PHL 358	Social and Political Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 368	Moral Psychology	3 credits
PHL 401	Themes in Contemporary Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 435	Literature, Philosophy, and Economics	3 credits
PHL 440	Legal Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 453	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
PHL 455	Health Care, Society and Values	3 credits
PHL 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical & Theological Approaches	3 credits
PHL 475	Multiculturalism: History, Phil., Lit., and Education	3 credits
PHL 482	Race in America: Idea and Reality	3 credits

*Note: No more than one course that is crosslisted as SRP may be used as an elective course.

APPLIED ETHICS MINOR

Program Description: An interdisciplinary program of studies designed to provide students with an understanding of applied ethics from two perspectives, philosophy and theology. The minor introduces students to the differences and similarities in philosophical and theological approaches to applied ethics, different theories of ethics in these two disciplines, and how to relate the two.

Contact: Julia A. Fleming, Associate Professor of Theology; John W. Carlson, Professor of Philosophy

Foundational Ethics

(All of the following:)

PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding 3 credits

Theological Ethics

(Two of the following:)

THL 534 Introduction to Liberation Theology 3 credits

THL 563 Contemporary Moral Problems 3 credits

THL 564 Catholic Sexual Ethics 3 credits

THL 565 Catholic Social Teaching 3 credits

Philosophical Ethics

(Two of the following:)

PHL 331 Moral Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 343 Ethics and the Professions 3 credits

PHL 348 Philosophy of Feminism 3 credits

PHL 354 Environmental Ethics 3 credits

PHL 359 History of Ethics 3 credits

PHL 368 Moral Psychology 3 credits

PHL 453 Ethics and Public Policy 3 credits

PHL 455 Health Care, Society and Values 3 credits

(One additional course chosen from the lists above or from the following:)

JPS 588 Christian Ethics of War and Peace 3 credits

SRP 457 Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical & Theological 3 credits

SRP 409 Race and Gender Relations: Moral & Ethical Dilemmas 3 credits

THL 250 Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding 3 credits

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE MINOR

Program Description: This interdisciplinary minor introduces students to the key historical events in the emergence of science and to the philosophical debates about what counts as science, theories of scientific method, realism and anti-realism, and the role of values in science.

Contact: Eugene E. Selk, Associate Professor of Philosophy

(All of the following:)

PHL 107 Critical and Historical Introduction to Philosophy 3 credits

(Three of the following:)

BIO 141 Charles Darwin: Life and Impact 3 credits

ECO 508 Development of Political Economy 3 credits

HIS 335 The Scientific Revolution 3 credits

HIS 431 Mathematical History, Philosophy and Ethics 3 credits

PLS 362 Conservative Political Thought 3 credits

PHY 147 Einstein and Modern Physics 3 credits

PSY 424 History and Systems of Psychology 3 credits

SOC 301 Social and Cultural Theory 3 credits

SOC 335 Technology and Human Values 3 credits

(Two of the following:)

PHL 333 Philosophy of the Human Sciences 3 credits

PHL 334 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences 3 credits

PHL 420 Science and Religion 3 credits

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY MINOR

Program Description: The study of the History of Philosophy is an essential part of mastering the discipline of philosophy. The minor introduces students to the key historical figures, issues, and themes in the development of philosophy.

Contact: Associate Chair, Department of Philosophy

(All of the following:)

PHL 107 Critical and Historical Introduction to Philosophy 3 credits

(Two of the following:)

PHL 370 History of Classical Greek Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 372 History of Medieval Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 373 History of Modern Philosophy 3 credits

(Two of the following:)

PHL 311 Utopian Thought 3 credits

PHL 351 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 353 Introduction to Buddhism 3 credits

PHL 359 History of Ethics 3 credits

PHL 366 St. Thomas and Thomism 3 credits

PHL 367 American Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 370 History of Classical Greek Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 371 History of Hellenistic Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 372 History of Medieval Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 373 History of Modern Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 374 History of 19th-Century Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 410 Stoicism 3 credits

PHL 459 Marxism 3 credits

PHL 461 The Role of Philosophy in Theology 3 credits

PHL 462 The Thought of John Paul II 3 credits

PHL 463 Phenomenology 3 credits

PHL 465 American Pragmatism 3 credits

PHL 467 Existentialism 3 credits

PHL 469 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 480 Philosophical Classics 3 credits

PHL 481 A Major Philosopher 3 credits

One additional upper-level (300 and above) PHL course. 3 credits

Neither PHL 320 nor PHL 492 may be applied toward this minor.

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY MINOR

Program Description: The study of a philosophical field or of a thematically-linked set of philosophical issues is an essential part of maintaining the discipline of philosophy. Students examine how philosophers of the past and present approach these issues.

Contact: Associate Chair, Department of Philosophy

(All of the following:)

PHL 320 God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections 3 credits

(Two of the following:)

PHL 321 Epistemology 3 credits

PHL 331 Moral Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 342 Metaphysics 3 credits

(Two of the following:)

PHL 309 Meaning in America 3 credits

PHL 317 Philosophy of Sport 3 credits

PHL 321 Epistemology 3 credits

PHL 328 Philosophy of History 3 credits

PHL 331 Moral Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 333 Philosophy of the Human Sciences 3 credits

PHL 334 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences 3 credits

PHL 342 Metaphysics 3 credits

PHL 343 Ethics and the Professions 3 credits

PHL 348 Philosophy of Feminism 3 credits

PHL 354 Environmental Ethics 3 credits

PHL 355 Science, Technology, and Values 3 credits

PHL 356 Philosophy of Peace and War 3 credits

PHL 357 Bioethics 3 credits

PHL 358 Social and Political Philosophy 3 credits

PHL 368 Moral Psychology 3 credits

PHL 422 Aesthetics 3 credits

PHL 424 Philosophy of Mind 3 credits

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PHL 450 Philosophy and Commercial Societies 3 credits

PHL 451 Social Justice: Theory and Practice 3 credits

PHL 453 Ethics and Public Policy 3 credits

PHL 455 Health Care, Society and Values 3 credits

PHL 479 The Philosophy of Love and Sex 3 credits

One additional upper-level (300 and above) PHL course.

PHL 492 may not be applied toward this minor.

Certificate Programs in University College

This department does not offer a certificate program to students in University College.

For all PHL courses, please refer to page 449.