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 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 Philosophical Ethics courses:**
- PHL 270 Philosophical Ethics
- PHL 271 Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
- PHL 272 Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
- PHL 275 Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

**ONE of the following Ultimate Questions courses:**
- PHL 300 Ultimate Questions: Spirituality/Philosophy
- PHL 320 Ultimate Questions: God and Persons

**ALL of the following:**
- PHL 492 Senior Seminar for Majors

**ONE of the following Logic courses:**
- PHL 398 Introduction to Logic
- PHL 399 Symbolic Logic

**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 19th-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 340 Philosophy of Language
- 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.
B. A., Major in Philosophy with Specialization in Ethics (36 credits)

ONE of the following Philosophical Ideas courses:
- 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 Philosophical Ethics courses:
- PHL 270  Philosophical Ethics
- PHL 271  Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
- PHL 272  Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
- PHL 275  Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

ONE of the following Ultimate Questions courses:
- PHL 300  Ultimate Questions: Spirituality/Philosophy
- PHL 320  Ultimate Questions: God and Persons

ALL of the following philosophy courses:
- PHL 331  Moral Philosophy
- PHL 492  Senior Seminar for Majors

ONE of the following Logic courses:
- PHL 398  Introduction to Logic
- PHL 399  Symbolic Logic

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 19th-Century Philosophy

ONE of the following problems of philosophy courses:
- PHL 321  Epistemology
- PHL 334  Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 340  Philosophy of Language
- 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 404  Bioethics and Society
- PHL 425  Science, Ethics and Society
- PHL 427  Food, Sex and the Good Life
- PHL 435  Literature, Philosophy, and Economics
- PHL 436  Money and the Good Life
- 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.