MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Since it deals mainly with issues that have no simple solutions, philosophy emphasizes the exchange of ideas and debate, and thus cultivates an appetite for deep and serious reflection. By reading and discussing the works of the world’s great thinkers on fundamental topics like truth, justice, morality and existence, you sharpen your own ability to think clearly, critically and independently. The Department’s curriculum has a twin approach, historical and analytical, and covers political and social philosophy, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and logic.

The Department of Philosophy also runs a minor in applied ethics. This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (http://web5.uottawa.ca/admingov/regulations.html) for information on the Honours bachelor’s with double major and the Honours bachelor’s with major and minor.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2017-2018 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

3 course units from:

| PHI 1101 | Reasoning and Critical Thinking |
| PHI 1301 | Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments |

3 course units from:

| PHI 1102 | Moral Reasoning |
| PHI 1103 | Fundamental Philosophical Questions |
| PHI 1104 | Great Philosophers |
| PHI 1302 | Philosophy: Themes and Texts |

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

| PHI 2170 | Logic I |
| PHI 2380 | Greek Philosophy or the Birth of Philosophy |
| PHI 2382 | Philosophy in the Middle Ages |
| PHI 2383 | Modern Philosophy |

Optional courses

24 course units from one of the two profiles: Metaphysics and Theory of Knowledge or Ethics

Profile: Metaphysics and Theory of Knowledge

| PHI 3377 | Continental Philosophy |
| PHI 3397 | Origins of Analytic Philosophy |
| PHI 3398 | Contemporary Analytic Philosophy |

6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from list A, B or C of optional courses

| PHI 2172 | Philosophy of Mind |
| PHI 2190 | Philosophy of Religion |
| PHI 2197 | Philosophy of History |
| PHI 2391 | Philosophy of Science |
| PHI 2392 | Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art |

Profile: Ethics

| PHI 2174 | Ethics |
| PHI 2183 | Political Philosophy |

3 course units from:

| PHI 4164 | Texts in Ethics and Political Philosophy |
| PHI 4311 | Problems in Contemporary Political Philosophy |
| PHI 4312 | Problems in Contemporary Ethics |

6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from the list A, B or C of optional courses

3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from list B of optional courses

6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from list C of optional courses

Total: 24 Units

Note(s)

1 A minimum of 6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 3000 or 4000 level and a minimum of 6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 4000 level are required.

2 A minimum of 6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 3000 or 4000 level and a minimum of 3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 4000 level are required.

List of Optional Courses

List A - History of Philosophy

| PHI 2122 | Greek Wisdom |
| PHI 2381 | Arab Philosophy |
| PHI 2386 | Existentialism |
| PHI 2389 | Asian Philosophy |
| PHI 3108 | Texts in Modern Philosophy |
| PHI 3370 | Plato: The Philosopher as Poet, Lover, Dialectician and King |
| PHI 3380 | Aristotle. The Pursuit of Wisdom for its Own Sake |
| PHI 3382 | Kant and Critical Philosophy |
| PHI 3386 | Topics in 19th Century Philosophy |
| PHI 3387 | Philosophy of the Enlightenment |
| PHI 4160 | Greek Philosophical Texts |
| PHI 4307 | Texts in French Philosophy |
| PHI 4385 | Hegel and German Idealism |

List B - Metaphysics and Theory of Knowledge

| PHI 2172 | Philosophy of Mind |
| PHI 2190 | Philosophy of Religion |
| PHI 2197 | Philosophy of History |
| PHI 2391 | Philosophy of Science |
| PHI 2392 | Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art |

9 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from list B of optional courses

3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from list C of optional courses

Total: 24 Units
**List C - Ethics**

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