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.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations for information on the Honours bachelor’s with double major and the Honours bachelor’s with major and minor.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree. Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2019-2020 calendars 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

Total:

Profile: Metaphysics and Theory of Knowledge

 PHI 3377 Continental Philosophy
3 course units from:
- 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

Total:

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:

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 Ancient Wisdom
 PHI 2381 Arabic Philosophy
 PHI 2386 Existentialism
 PHI 2389 Asian Philosophy
 PHI 3108 Texts in Modern Philosophy
 PHI 3375 The Great Figures of Ancient Greek Philosophy
 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
 PHI 3105 Phenomenology
 PHI 3125 Philosophy of Cognitive Science

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