

Philosophy



Belmont Abbey
COLLEGE

Includes

PH 200W Introduction to Philosophy
PH 202 Introduction to Logical Reasoning
PH 301 The Good Life (Ethics)
PH 302 Modern & Contemporary Philosophy
PH 305 Philosophy of Science & Nature
PH 315 Philosophy of Knowing & Believing (Epistemology)
PH 316 Philosophy of Reality (Metaphysics)

Program Summary

Philosophy is the pursuit of wisdom by reasoning carefully about the answers to fundamental human questions such as: How should I live? How can I be happy? What is the most fundamental reality? What can be known? Is there a God? The Philosophy Major initiates you into the practice of philosophy, primarily by examining great works of philosophy. The Philosophy Minor strengthens your major by sharpening your thinking and by addressing philosophical questions at the root of every study or enterprise. The overall goal of the Philosophy program is to help you develop an integral and integrated understanding of your experience and studies, of your life as a whole, and of its place in the world. A fortunate byproduct is that you develop reasoning skills needed for success in intellectually demanding work such as medical research, law, journalism, and entrepreneurship.

Beyond the Classroom

Many successful people—including supreme court judges, founders of large companies, journalists, and medical researchers—claim that studying philosophy gave them the reasoning skills they needed to succeed. Philosophy majors also consistently score at the top on the GRE and LSAT, and near the top on the GMAT, indicating that philosophy is an excellent preparation for graduate study.

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Questions?

Ask your Admissions Counselor or a Faculty member of this department!



CURRICULUM CHECK SHEET

	GRADE	CREDIT
WRITING, 6 HRS		
RH 101 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing I		3
RH102 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing II		3

FIRST-YEAR SYMPOSIUM, 3 HRS		
<i>(for first time traditional students or transfers with fewer than 12 credit hours)</i>		
FS101 First Year Symposium		3

QUANTITATIVE REASONING, 3 HRS		
<i>(MA135, 151,152, or any 200-level math course, statistics, or calculus)</i>		

THEOLOGY, 6 HRS		
TH105 Introduction to Scripture		3
TH205 Introduction to Theology		3

PHILOSOPHY, 6 HRS		
* PO211 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy I		3
* PO212 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy II		3

HISTORY, 6 HRS		
HI101 Western Civilization I		3
HI102 Western Civilization II		3

LITERATURE, 6 HRS		
EN211 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition I		3
EN212 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition II		3

FINE ARTS, 3 HRS		
<i>(AR101,102,EN216,TA108,TA110,MU101,OR MU110)</i>		

NATURAL SCIENCES, 8 HRS		
BI101 General Biology		4
SC110 Physical World		4

SOCIAL SCIENCES, 6 HRS		
PO201 The U.S. Constitution		3
PC201/SO201/EC201/CJ201		3

120 SEMESTER HOURS AND A MINIMUM 2.00 GPA REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.

THE LAST 30 CREDITS OF YOUR DEGREE MUST BE OBTAINED

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THAT ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION ARE MET.

* As an alternative to PO211 and 212, students may opt to take the Philosophy sequence per the *Academic Catalogue*.

Major: BA Philosophy

MAJOR COURSES		
COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT
A. Basic Requirements		
At least one of the following:		
PH305 , PH310, PH314		3
PH300		3
PH301 Ethics		3
PH315 Epistemology		3
PH316 Metaphysics		3
At least 9 additional hrs from:		
PH300 /400 level course		3
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B. Degree Capstone		
Regular Track		
PH430 Senior Seminar-Pre-Thesis		3
PH470 Senior Thesis		3

OTHER REQUIREMENTS 15 HRS.		
A. Foreign Language		
Greek, Latin, French, German		6
PRE THEOLOGY MAY TAKE SPANISH		
B. Humanities Division Requirement		
a. One English course 300 or higher		9
b. One History course 300 or higher		
c. One Theology Course 300 or higher		

GENERAL ELECTIVES, 21-24 HRS.		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
WRITING INTENSIVE		
COMPUTER COMP/COMPUTER EXAM		

MINOR—* STRONGLY ENCOURAGED (OR ADDITIONAL MAJOR)		
<i>(15 HRS. & 300 OR 400 LEVEL)</i>		