The Department of Philosophy serves the needs of the student who seeks an understanding of philosophical issues for personal enrichment, the student who desires a more fundamental appreciation of philosophy in support of law, medicine, business, and various academic disciplines, and the student who wishes to continue the study of philosophy at the graduate level.

Through its courses and programs, the department acquaints students with various philosophical systems and with basic problems posed by diverse thinkers. Courses have been designed to highlight both the humanistic and technical features of philosophy.

The department also recognizes the important need for skills and training. Its courses in logic and analysis have been designed to help students become more perceptive in their experiences and more critical in their thinking.

Further, the department is aware that in our age of rapid change, society often tends to neglect the meaning and worth of the person. Courses are therefore offered which investigate and emphasize the dignity of the person; and by helping one understand the nature and grounds of ethical judgments, to promote an appreciation and ordering of human values.

The department has recently completed a thorough revamping of its entire undergraduate program. Our purpose has been (1) to ensure that our Liberal Studies courses remain responsive to the needs of the student who does not plan to specialize in philosophy; (2) to expand and enrich our offerings for philosophy majors.

The department is particularly proud of its “Philosophy Forum,” an undergraduate philosophy club organized and run by our spirited and energetic students!

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In addition to the 32 quarter hours required in the liberal studies core, students are required to complete 52 quarter hours distributed through six learning domains as part of their Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. The number and distribution of courses in each of the areas are as follows:

**Core:** 32 quarter hours required
- **First Year Program:** (20 quarter hours required) Discover Chicago or Explore Chicago, Focal Point Seminar, Quantitative Reasoning, and Composition and Rhetoric I and II.
- **Sophomore Seminar:** (4 quarter hours required) Sophomore Seminar on Multiculturalism in the United States
- **Junior Year Experiential Learning:** (4 quarter hours required) If your junior year experiential learning requirement also fulfills a major field requirement, you may substitute a liberal studies domain elective (from outside your major field area) or the third course in the modern language option for this requirement.
- **Senior Capstone:** (4 quarter hours required) Philosophy requires that all students majoring in Philosophy complete the senior capstone in Philosophy. If you are double majoring and/or in the Honors program you must also follow the capstone guidelines for that area.

**Arts and Literature:** 12 quarter hours required. At most 2 courses from the same department or program.
- **Philosophical Inquiry:** not required.
- **Religious Dimensions:** 8 quarter hours required; 4 quarter hours in patterns and problems, and 4 quarter hours in traditions in context.
- **Scientific Inquiry:** 12 quarter hours required; 4 quarter hours with a lab component, 4 quarter hours with a quantitative component, and 4 quarter hours scientific inquiry elective.
- **Self, Society and the Modern World:** 12 quarter hours required. At most 2 courses from the same department or program.
- **Understanding the Past:** 8 quarter hours required; 4 quarter hours of history pre-1800 and 4 quarter hours of history primarily between 1800-1945. In addition, courses must be from two different categories: 1) Asia, 2) Latin America, 3) Africa, 4) North America or Europe and 5) intercontinental or comparative.

Although study in philosophy contributes to a student's liberal education, courses offered by the department of philosophy are not applied towards liberal studies requirements for the philosophy major. Exceptions to this rule are the junior experiential learning and the senior capstone requirements.

**DEPARTMENTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**STANDARD CONCENTRATION**
- Philosophy: 56 quarter hours in philosophy (or their equivalent) distributed as follows:
  - Basic prerequisite: 100 Philosophy and Its Issues.
  - Cognitive Skills: one course which must
be 301 Basic Logic or 304 Symbolic Logic. History Sequence: four courses, 310 Greek/Medieval, 312 Early Modern, 313 Since Kant, and one of either 314 Survey of Ethics or 315 Survey of Political Philosophy. Figures and Texts: two courses. Philosophical Themes: three courses, one of which must be 320 Metaphysics or 321 Epistemology or 327 Topics in Ethics or 328 Topics in Economic, Social, and Political Philosophy. Students must also take the Seminar for Philosophy Majors. The remaining eight quarter hours may be taken from any of the offerings.

The student must elect 52 quarter hours of additional coursework, at least 24 quarter hours of which must be taken outside Philosophy. Students should regularly discuss their choice of electives with their advisors.

The regular program of courses is supplemented by philosophical symposia and mini-courses featuring prominent philosophers and by departmental colloquia. Each student is expected to consult with his or her departmental advisor on course selection. With departmental permission, a senior may take one course selected from the graduate offerings in philosophy. He or she may take this course on a pass/fail basis. Certain courses in other departments are acceptable equivalents for philosophy credit. Seniors who have a superior record in philosophy may petition to do a Senior Thesis.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PHILOSOPHY MINOR

The minor program is designed to complement the majors of other departments. It is designed also for those who, while not wishing to specialize in philosophy, nonetheless seek to pursue enduring questions, appraise contemporary values, and discuss critically topics of general human concern. (If you wish to use this program as an academic minor, check with your department for permission and with the Philosophy department for sample programs.)

The 24 quarter hours which are required for a minor in philosophy are to be distributed as follows: History sequence: three courses (310, 312, and 313); Figures and Texts: one course; Philosophical Themes: one course. (One of the courses Philosophy 314 or 315 may be substituted for the Philosophical Themes course.) The remaining course may be taken from any of those offered at the undergraduate level by the department, except 100 Philosophy and its Issues. With permission a student may take the Seminar for Philosophy Majors as part of his or her minor. Transfer credit may be recognized. (Please note that 100 Philosophy and Its Issues is the prerequisite for all 300-level philosophy courses except those listed under Cognitive Skills, i.e. 301, 303, 304.)

PHILOSOPHY

PHL 100 Philosophy and Its Issues

Value Studies

PHL 200 Ethical theories

PHL 202 Philosophy of God

PHL 204 Philosophy and Existential themes

PHL 208 Values and Persons

PHL 228 Business, Ethics, and Society

PHL 229 Biomedical Ethics

PHL 230 Contemporary Issues in Ethics

PHL 231 Philosophy and the Question of Race

PHL 232 What Is Freedom?

PHL 233 Issues in Sex and Gender

PHL 234 Philosophy and Modern Society
PHL 235 Philosophy and the Environment
PHL 236 Philosophy and the City
PHL 237 Philosophy, Conflict and Peace
PHL 238 Philosophy and Women
PHL 240 Love, Hatred and Resentment
PHL 241 Ethics and Public Policy
PHL 244 Philosophical theology
PHL 245 Reason and Society

Cognitive Skills
PHL 301 Basic Logic
PHL 304 Symbolic Logic

History Sequence
PHL 310 Greek and Medieval Thought
PHL 312 Early Modern Philosophy
PHL 313 Philosophy Since Kant
PHL 314 Survey of Ethics
PHL 315 Survey of Political Philosophy

Figures and Texts
PHL 360 Greek Philosophy
PHL 361 Plato
PHL 362 Aristotle
PHL 363 Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
PHL 364 17th and 18th Century Rationalism
PHL 365 17th and 18th Century Empiricism
PHL 366 Descartes
PHL 367 The Enlightenment
PHL 369 Kant
PHL 370 Hegel
PHL 372 Marx
PHL 373 Nietzsche
PHL 374 20th Century Philosophy
PHL 375 Phenomenology and Existentialism
PHL 376 American Philosophy
PHL 377 Philosophy and Deconstruction
PHL 378 Analytic Philosophy
PHL 380 Selected Figures and Texts

Philosophical Themes
PHL 320 Metaphysics
PHL 321 Epistemology
PHL 322 Philosophy of Language
PHL 325 Basic Concepts of Phenomenology
PHL 327 Topics in Ethics
PHL 328 Topics in Economic, Social and Political Philosophy
PHL 340 Philosophy of Religion
PHL 341 Aesthetics
PHL 342 Philosophy of Law
PHL 343 Philosophies of Punishment
PHL 353 Philosophy and History
PHL 354 Philosophy and Psychology
PHL 355 Theories of interpretation
PHL 381 Dramatic theory: Tragedy
PHL 382 Dramatic theory: Comedy
PHL 383 Philosophical themes in Literature
PHL 384 Feminist Ethics
PHL 385 Feminist Philosophies
PHL 386 Philosophies of Africa
PHL 387 Philosophies of Asia
PHL 390 Selected Topics and Controversies
PHL 399 Independent Study

Seminar for Philosophy Majors
PHL 391 Senior Capstone Seminar

Thesis
PHL 395 Senior Thesis

COURSES

All courses carry 4 quarter hours credit.
Philosophy 100 is prerequisite for all 300-level courses (except Cognitive Skills):

PHL 100 PHILOSOPHY AND ITS ISSUES An introduction to basic philosophical concepts, methods, and problems.

PHL 200 ETHICAL THEORIES Selected readings to acquaint students with different approaches to ethics.

PHL 202 PHILOSOPHY OF GOD An investigation of the ways in which philosophers have talked about, and argued for or against God.

PHL 203 CRITICAL THINKING A study of argumentation as it occurs in everyday life, the media, etc.

PHL 204 PHILOSOPHY AND EXISTENTIAL THEMES A study of the principal ideas regarding the human condition developed in existential literature: death, absurdity, alienation, freedom, God, authenticity.

PHL 206 TOPICS AND CONTROVERSIES Topics and controversies.

PHL 208 VALUES AND PERSONS A study of the connections between different conceptions of selfhood and different ethical, political and aesthetic values.

PHL 228 BUSINESS, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY An examination of various ethical and moral issues arising in contemporary business and its activities which affect our society and the world.

PHL 229 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS Moral and ethical issues arising in contemporary biomedical advances and in health care from the perspective of Religious Studies and philosophy.

PHL 230 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ETHICS This course will examine a range of ethical issues of contemporary concern, such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment.

PHL 231 PHILOSOPHY AND THE QUESTION OF RACE A philosophical inquiry into such issues as racism, anti-Semitism, genocide.
PHL 232 WHAT IS FREEDOM? This course will investigate various conceptions of freedom, and will consider in particular the difference between freedom and “doing or saying whatever you wish.”

PHL 233 ISSUES IN SEX AND GENDER A philosophical investigation into the nature of sex and gender and the role they play in defining human identity.

PHL 234 PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN SOCIETY This course will consider such issues as the relation between society and the state, the connections between work, leisure and poverty, and the social effects of prejudice and resentment.

PHL 235 PHILOSOPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT A philosophical study of our environment, the nature of nature, the ecosystem, and the planet.

PHL 236 PHILOSOPHY AND THE CITY This course examines the meaning of the city for philosophy and the meaning of urbanization for the formation of values.

PHL 237 PHILOSOPHY, CONFLICT AND PEACE A philosophical reflection upon the causes of war and the possibilities for peace.

PHL 238 PHILOSOPHY AND WOMEN An examination of the unique contribution which women have made, and can make, to philosophy and the study of values.

PHL 239 PHILOSOPHIES OF AFRICA Philosophies of Africa

PHL 240 LOVE, HATRED AND RESENTMENT A phenomenological inquiry into these three powerful emotional states.

PHL 241 ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY A study of the ways in which ethics can assist us in thinking about matters of public policy.

PHL 242 PHILOSOPHY AND TECHNOLOGY Philosophy And Technology

PHL 244 PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY An introduction to the interactions of philosophy and Christian theology.

PHL 245 REASON AND SOCIETY A study not aimed at the production of particular skills but at understanding of the proper role of reason in social institutions and the formation of public opinion.

PHL 250 JUNIOR YEAR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING/SERVICE LEARNING Junior Year Experiential Learning

PHL 301 BASIC LOGIC A study of fundamental logical concepts and techniques, methods of argument, and ways of detecting fallacies.

PHL 302 SYMBOLIC LOGIC Symbolic logic.

PHL 304 SYMBOLIC LOGIC A study of the methods and techniques of formulating and evaluating arguments with the help of symbolic notation.

PHL 310 GREEK AND MEDIEVAL THOUGHT A study of selected thinkers and issues from the ancient Greek and Medieval periods. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 311 MEDIEVAL THOUGHT: REASON AND FAITH Medieval thought: reason and faith.

PHL 312 EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY A study of some of the main philosophers and philosophical movements from the 17th to the 19th centuries. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 313 PHILOSOPHY SINCE KANT A study of some of the most influential thinkers of the last 150 years. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 314 SURVEY OF ETHICS An intensive study of the broad range of the history of and approaches to ethics. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 315 SURVEY OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY An intensive study of the broad range of the history of and approaches to political philosophy. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 320 METAPHYSICS A critical examination of selected metaphysical systems and issues. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 321 EPISTEMOLOGY An investigation of some of the central issues in the philosophy of knowledge, including the nature of knowledge, truth and certainty. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 322 PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE An investigation into the nature of language and its significance for philosophical inquiry. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 325 BASIC CONCEPTS OF PHENOMENOLOGY This course emphasizes the principal themes of such thinkers as Husserl, Merleau-Ponty and Heidegger. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 327 TOPICS IN ETHICS A focused discussion of specific issues in moral and ethical philosophy. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 328 TOPICS IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY A focused discussion of specific issues in economic, social and political philosophy. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 330 JUNIOR HONORS OPTION Junior honors option.

PHL 340 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION A study into the significance of religious phenomena for philosophy. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 341 AESTHETICS A study of the relationship of philosophy and the arts, with a critical appraisal of theories of beauty. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 342 PHILOSOPHY OF LAW An examination of fundamental legal concepts, and particularly of the concept of law itself. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 343 PHILOSOPHIES OF PUNISHMENT An examination of theories of punishment, particularly the two dominant Western concepts of retributive and rehabilitative.

PHL 350 PHILOSOPHY AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES Philosophy and the natural sciences.

PHL 353 PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY A study of some of the most significant theories of history. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 354 PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY A philosophical inquiry into the nature and history of psychology, psychoanalysis, and psychotherapy. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 355 THEORIES OF INTERPRETATION Philosophical hermeneutics and Biblical interpretation. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 360 GREEK PHILOSOPHY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 361 PLATO PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 362 ARISTOTLE PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 363 MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE PHILOSOPHY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 364 17TH AND 18TH CENTURY RATIONALISM PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.

PHL 365 17TH AND 18TH CENTURY EMPIRICISM PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 366 DESCARTES PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 367 THE ENLIGHTENMENT PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 368 GERMAN IDEALISM German Idealism
PHL 369 KANT PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 370 HEGEL PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 371 19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY 19th century philosophy.
PHL 372 MARX PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 373 NIETZSCHE PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 374 20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 375 PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 376 AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 377 PHILOSOPHY AND DECONSTRUCTION PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 378 ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 379 EASTERN THOUGHT Eastern thought.
PHL 380 SELECTED FIGURES AND TEXTS PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 381 DRAMATIC THEORY: TRAGEDY A study of some of the main philosophical theories of tragedy together with readings of some of the most important ancient and modern tragedies. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 382 DRAMATIC THEORY: COMEDY A study of some of the main philosophical theories of comedy together with readings of some of the most important ancient and modern comedies. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 383 PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES IN LITERATURE An investigation of philosophical topics as they appear in fiction, drama, and poetry. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 384 FEMINIST ETHICS A study and critique of various feminist theories of ethics. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 385 FEMINIST PHILOSOPHIES A study and critique of issues related to women and of their philosophical presuppositions and consequences. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 386 PHILOSOPHIES OF AFRICA A study of patterns of philosophical thinking from the African continent. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 387 PHILOSOPHIES OF ASIA A study of patterns of philosophical thinking from the Asian continent. PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.
PHL 390 SELECTED TOPICS AND CONTROVERSIES Selected topics and controversies.
PHL 391 SENIOR CAPSTONE SEMINAR A capstone seminar on selected topics in philosophy, that integrated the goals of the liberal studies program.
PHL 395 SENIOR THESIS An opportunity for intensive independent work, open to philosophy majors of outstanding achievement. By petition only. Contact the department office for further information. Philosophy 395 is not applicable to major field requirements, though it may be used as an open elective.
PHL 399 INDEPENDENT STUDY PREREQUISITE(S): PHL 100.