



DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:

B.A. in Philosophy

2021-2022 Catalog

Degree Requirements – 120 credits

YEAR 1 - FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 1 - SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 100, PHIL 126, PHIL 150 or PHIL 225 (LAA3*)	3 credits	LAC or University Electives	15 credits
LAC or University Electives	12 credits	*May include PHIL 100/126/150/225 (if not taken in fall), or courses to explore a second major or minor	
YEAR 2 - FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 2 - SPRING (15 credits)	
A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits	A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits
A Logic & Methods course or PHIL elective	3 credits	A Logic & Methods course or PHIL elective	3 credits
LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	9 credits	LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	9 credits
YEAR 3 - FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 3 - SPRING (15 credits)	
A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits	A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits
LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	12 credits	LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	12 credits
YEAR 4 - FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 4 - SPRING (15 credits)	
A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits	A course in History & Traditions; or in Metaphysics & Epistemology or in Value Theory	3 credits
LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	12 credits	PHIL 495 Advanced Seminar	3 credits
		LAC, University Electives, second major or minor	9 credits

*See the [Liberal Arts Curriculum](#) webpage for more information

This four-year plan is a recommended schedule to complete your bachelor's degree in 4 years. Every UNC student must meet the following requirements in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree: earn a minimum of 120 semester credit hours; possess a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average; have at least 31 credit hours in courses designated as Liberal Arts Curriculum; meet all degree requirements in the student's major field of study. Each major and/or emphasis may have additional requirements necessary for graduation. **Students must consult with their major advisor to receive information on any additional graduation requirements.**

Admission Requirement – No separate admission required.

Minor Required – **No Minor required.** Since the B.A. in Philosophy requires 30 credit hours, many students combine it with a second major or one or more minors

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Notes –

- 1 The major requires 10 courses: 1 course in Logic and Methods, 2 courses in History and Traditions, 2 courses in Value Theory, 2 courses in Metaphysics and Epistemology, the Advanced Seminar, and 2 electives (which may come from any category).
- 2 Courses in Logic and Methods include PHIL 221 (Basic Logic), PHIL 340 (Formal Logic I), and PHIL 341 (Formal Logic II).

- 3 History and Traditions courses include PHIL 231 (Ancient Greek), PHIL 232 (Medieval Western), PHIL 233 (Modern Western), and PHIL 246 (Early Chinese).
- 4 Courses in Value Theory include PHIL 250 (Medical Ethics), PHIL 310 (Topics in Ethics and Public Policy), PHIL 311 (Environmental Ethics), PHIL 350 (Ethical Theory), PHIL 355 (Social and Political Philosophy), and PHIL 366 (Philosophy of Law).
- 5 Metaphysics and Epistemology courses include PHIL 270 (Philosophy of Religion), PHIL 280 (Philosophy of Science), PHIL 372 (Philosophy of Race), PHIL 385 (Epistemology), and PHIL 390 (Metaphysics).
- 6 PHIL 225, 300, and 310 are variable-title courses that can be taken more than once provided that they are taken under different titles. Check with the department about current and future offerings. Each title counts as a separate elective toward the degree.
- 7 PHIL 495 (Advanced Seminar) is a variable title course offered every spring and occasionally in the fall as well. It is typically taken in your final year but may be taken sooner if you are interested in the topic being offered in an earlier term. It may also be taken more than once, provided that it is taken under different titles. Each title after the first counts as an elective toward the degree.
- 8 Students have the opportunity to tailor their degree to specific interests via non-scheduled sections of PHIL 422 (Directed Studies) or PHIL 497 (Internship in Philosophy). Both of these courses contribute elective credits toward the major. A year-long sequence in formal logic (PHIL 340/341) is offered as a non-scheduled course every other year pending student interest.
- 9 The department recommends that majors considering graduate work in philosophy complete at least two years of study in a foreign language—preferably French or German. This is not, however, a requirement for the major.

Career options for philosophers are virtually unlimited! Former philosophy students work in business, law, computers, counseling, engineering, entertainment, finance, government, K-12 and higher education, healthcare, marketing, media, non-profits, publishing, sales, social work and professional sports. Among college graduates with no further training after the B.A., philosophy majors earn higher average salaries by mid-career than all humanities and social sciences majors except economics, and more than all technical and vocational majors except engineering, computer science, physics and math.ⁱ Among those headed for graduate school, philosophy majors outperform all other majors on the GRE,ⁱⁱ all majors except economics on the LSAT,ⁱⁱⁱ and all majors except physics, math and engineering (including all business, accounting and finance majors) on the GMAT. For more information about where a philosophy degree can take you see the American Philosophical Association's *Guide to Non-Academic Careers* at <https://apaonline.site-ym.com/?nonacademic>. Or come visit us in McKee Hall 318.

*Liberal Arts Curriculum Course Indicators			
LAA1	Arts & Humanities: Arts & Expression	LAIS	International Studies
LAA2	Arts & Humanities: Literature & Humanities	LAMS	U.S. Multicultural Studies
LAA3	Arts & Humanities: Ways of Thinking	LAS1	Natural & Physical Sciences
LAA4	Arts & Humanities: World Languages	LASL	Natural & Physical Sciences LAB
LAB1	Social & Behavior Sciences: Economic or Political Systems	LAW1	Introductory Written Communication
LAB2	Social & Behavior Sciences: Geography	LAW2	Intermediate Written Communication
LAB3	Social & Behavior Sciences: Human Behavior, Culture or Social Frameworks	LAW3	Advanced Written Communication
LAH1	History	LAX1	Mathematics

ⁱ [http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees that Pay you Back-sort.html](http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees%20that%20Pay%20you%20Back-sort.html)

ⁱⁱ <http://www.physicscentral.com/buzz/blog/index.cfm?postid=5112019841346388353>

ⁱⁱⁱ [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/Data on Profession/Philosophy performance on LS.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/Data%20on%20Profession/Philosophy%20performance%20on%20LS.pdf)