



# DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:

## **B.A. in Philosophy** ***Ethics & Public Policy Emphasis***

### **2021-2022 Catalog**

#### **Degree Requirements – 120 credits**

<b>YEAR 1 - FALL (15 credits)</b>		<b>YEAR 1 - SPRING (15 credits)</b>	
PHIL 100, PHIL 126, or PHIL 225 (LAA3*)	3 credits	PHIL 150 Moral Issues (LAA3*)	3 credits
LAC or University Electives	12 credits	LAC, University Elective, Second major or minor	12 credits
<b>YEAR 2 - FALL (15 credits)</b>		<b>YEAR 2 - SPRING (15 credits)</b>	
PHIL 350 Ethical Theory	3 credits	PHIL 311 Environmental Ethics or PHIL 365 Topics in Value Theory/Public Policy or PHIL 366 Philosophy of Law	3 credits
LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	12 credits	PHIL 355 Social & Political Philosophy	3 credits
		LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	9 credits
<b>YEAR 3 - FALL (15 credits)</b>		<b>YEAR 3 - SPRING (15 credits)</b>	
PHIL 231 Ancient Philosophy	3 credits	PHIL 233 Modern Philosophy	3 credits
PHIL or Policy Elective	3 credits	PHIL or Policy Elective	3 credits
LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	9 credits	LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	9 credits
<b>YEAR 4 - FALL (15 credits)</b>		<b>YEAR 4 - SPRING (15 credits)</b>	
PHIL or Policy Elective	3 credits	PHIL 495 Advanced Seminar	3 credits
LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	12 credits	LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	12 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 with an emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy requires 30 credit hours, many students combine it with a second major or one or more minors.

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**Notes** –

- 1 PHIL 350 (Ethical Theory) is offered *every fall*, and PHIL 150 (Moral Issues) is offered *every semester* (and in the summer as well). It's best—but not required—to take PHIL 150 first.
- 2 PHIL 310 (Topics in Ethics and Public Policy), a required course for Ethics and Public Policy majors, is a variable-title course typically offered once a year and may be taken more than once under different titles. Each title after the first counts as a separate policy elective toward the degree. PHIL 311 (Environmental

Ethics) is offered every other year and may be used as either the required topics course or as a policy elective.

- 3 PHIL 225 and 300 (which are PHIL electives) are also 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. ***Students in the EPP Emphasis are encouraged to select elective courses from other departments that cluster around a specific policy focus (such as law, media, health care, government, criminal justice, education, multicultural studies, or business).***
- 4 PHIL 355 (Social and Political Philosophy) is offered every other year, usually in the spring.
- 5 PHIL 495 (Advanced Seminar) is offered every spring. It is typically taken in your final year but may be taken sooner if you are interested in the topic being offered that term. It may also be taken more than once, provided that it is taken under different titles.
- 6 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.

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 BA, 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.<sup>i</sup> If graduate school is in your sights, note that philosophy majors outperform all other majors on the GRE,<sup>ii</sup> all majors except economics on the LSAT,<sup>iii</sup> 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 324.

*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

<sup>i</sup> [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)

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

<sup>iii</sup> [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)