



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN
COLORADO

**DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:
B.A. in Philosophy, Emphasis in *Ethics*
& *Public Policy* (2015-2016 Catalog)**

***** This four-year plan is only a sample. Many students complete this major in two years.*****

YEAR 1- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 1- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 100 Intro or PHIL 200 Figures (LAC3c)	3 credits	PHIL 150 Ethics in Theory and Practice (LAC 3c)	3 credits
LAC or University Electives	12 credits	LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	12 credits
YEAR 2- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 2- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 310 or 311 Topics in Ethics and Public Philosophy	3 credits	PHIL 220 Legal Reasoning or Policy Elective	3 credits
PHIL 350 Ethics	3 credits	PHIL 355 Social & Political Philosophy	3 credits
LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	9 credits	LAC, University Elective, second major or minor	9 credits
YEAR 3- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 3- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 260 Ancient Philosophy	3 credits	PHIL 261 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
YEAR 4- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 4- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 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

Admission Requirement – No separate admission requirement.

Minor – No Minor required. Since the B.A. in Philosophy with and Emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy requires 33 credit hours and accepts up to 9 electives from other departments, many students combine it with a second major or one or more minors

Notes – see page 2.

Contact Information – Philosophy Department

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This worksheet indicates one way in which this degree could be completed 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 40 credit hours in courses designated as Liberal Arts Core; meet all degree requirements in his or her major field of study. Each major and/or emphasis may have additional requirements necessary for graduation. **Students must consult with their major advisers to receive information on any additional graduation requirements.**

Notes

- 1 PHIL 350 (Ethics) is offered *every fall*, and PHIL 150 (Ethics in Theory and Practice) is offered *every semester* (and in the summer as well). It's best -- but not required -- to take PHIL 150 first.
- 2 PHIL 220 will no longer be required after catalog year 2015/2016. Any policy elective may be used as a substitute.
- 3 PHIL 260 and 261 constitute a yearlong sequence in the history of Western philosophy, but can be taken in any order (neither is a prerequisite for the other). PHIL 260 is offered every fall and PHIL 261 is offered every spring.
- 4 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.
- 5 PHIL 200 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).***
- 6 PHIL 355 (Social and Political Philosophy) is offered every other year, usually in the spring. Students may also substitute PSCI 331, PSCI 332 or PSCI 335.
- 7 PHIL 495 (Advanced Seminar) is offered every spring and occasionally in the fall. 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.
- 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.

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, health-care, 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 than all technical and vocational majors except engineering, computer science, physics and math.ⁱ If graduate school is in your sights, note that 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.^{iv} 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.

ⁱ http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees_that_Pay_you_Back-sort.html

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

ⁱⁱⁱ http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/Data_on_Profession/Philosophy_performance_on_LS.pdf

^{iv} <http://blog.prep4gmat.com/majors-with-the-highest-and-lowest-gmat-scores/>