



## B.A. in Philosophy (2018-19 Catalog) Degree Requirements – 120 Credits

**\*\*\*This four-year plan is only a sample. Many transfer students and students who switch majors complete this major in two years.\*\*\***

YEAR 1- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 1- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 100, PHIL 140, PHIL 150 or PHIL 200 (LAC 3c)	3 credits	LAC or University Electives	15 credits
LAC or University Electives	12 credits	*May include PHIL 100/140/150 (if not taken in fall), or courses to explore a second major or minor	
YEAR 2- FALL (15 credits)		YEAR 2- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHIL 350 Ethics or PHIL 260 Ancient Philosophy	3 credits	PHIL 261 Modern Philosophy	3 credits
PHIL Elective	3 credits	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)	
PHIL 350 Ethics or PHIL 260 Ancient Philosophy	3 credits	PHIL 385 Epistemology or PHIL 390 Metaphysics	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)	
PHIL Elective	3 Credits	PHIL 385 Epistemology or PHIL 390 Metaphysics	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

**Admission Requirement – No separate admission requirement.**

**Minor – 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.

**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 ensure they have up-to-date information on any additional graduation requirements.**

## Notes

- 1 PHIL 200, 300, and 310 (which are all PHIL electives) 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 PHIL 350 (Ethics) is offered every fall.
- 4 PHIL 385 (Epistemology) and PHIL 390 (Metaphysics) are taught *every other spring*—PHIL 385 in odd years, PHIL 390 in even years. *Be sure to plan for this and take whichever course is offered in the spring of your Junior year.*
- 5 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.
- 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. A year-long sequence in formal logic (PHIL 340/341) is offered as a non-scheduled course every other year pending student interest.
- 7 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, health-care, 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 than all technical and vocational majors except engineering, computer science, physics and math.<sup>1</sup> Among those headed for graduate school, philosophy majors outperform all other majors on the GRE,<sup>2</sup> all majors except economics on the LSAT,<sup>3</sup> and all majors except physics, math and engineering (including all business, accounting and finance majors) on the GMAT.<sup>4</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</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_that_Pay_you_Back-sort.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.physicscentral.com/buzz/blog/index.cfm?postid=5112019841346388353>

<sup>3</sup> [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/Data\\_on\\_Profession/Philosophy\\_performance\\_on\\_LS.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/Data_on_Profession/Philosophy_performance_on_LS.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <http://blog.prep4gmat.com/majors-with-the-highest-and-lowest-gmat-scores/>