

University of Central Arkansas
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.
REQUIREMENTS FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJORS

Name _____ Student ID _____

[3.1.1] Major in Philosophy (33 hours)

Philosophy majors are recommended to take courses in the major to satisfy their upper-division Core requirements. Students must take three hours in courses designated in each of the four Core competencies, Critical Inquiry (I), Communication (C), Diversity (D) and Responsible Living (R). However, if they so choose, students are free to fulfill their upper-division Core requirements with courses from other departments. Philosophy majors are strongly encouraged to take either PHIL 4310 or 4340 to meet their Capstone course (Z) within the Philosophy program, but are able to fulfill their Capstone requirements from another program if necessary.

Mathematics Pathway: First-time, first-year students majoring in Philosophy enter the Quantitative Literacy Mathematics Pathway and must enroll in MATH 1360 during their first year of study, unless they have been awarded credit that completes their 1000-level math requirements.

Thirty-three (33) Total Degree Hours
Required of all majors

- ____ 1. Gateways to the Discipline. (3 hours)
- ____ 2. Logic, Science, and Language. (6 hours)
- ____ 3. Historical Traditions in Philosophy. (9 hours)
- ____ 4. Ethics and Values. (6 hours)
- ____ 5. Capstone. (3 hours)
- ____ 6. Electives (6 hours)

Gateways to the Discipline. Courses in this area introduce students to major topics and approaches in philosophy, providing entry points into the field and basic critical thinking, reading and writing skills necessary for philosophical inquiry. Three hours required. **Select one of the following courses.** (Note that each of the courses in this category fulfills a lower-division UCA Core requirement.)

- ____ PHIL 1301: Philosophy for Living
- ____ PHIL 1330: World Philosophy
- ____ PHIL 2305: Critical Thinking
- ____ PHIL 2325: Everyday Ethics
- ____ PHIL 2360: Gender, Race, and Class: Philosophical Issues

Logic, Science, and Language. Courses in this area introduce students to major topics and approaches in philosophy, providing entry points into the field and basic critical thinking, reading, and writing skills necessary for philosophical inquiry. Three hours required. **Select one of the following courses.** (Note that each of the courses in this category fulfills a lower-division UCA Core requirement.)

- ____ PHIL 3310: Symbolic Logic **UCA UD Core: I**
- ____ PHIL 3341: Theories of Knowledge
- ____ PHIL 3370: Theories of Reality
- ____ PHIL 3375: Philosophy of Mind
- ____ PHIL 3380: Philosophy of Science **UCA UD Core: I, C**
- ____ PHIL 4330: Philosophy of Language

Historical Traditions in Philosophy. Courses in this area explore the history of philosophical inquiry and the diverse forms it has taken, while cultivating skills in the close reading and critical analysis of important texts, the persuasive formulation of arguments and ideas, and clear effective written communication. Nine hours required. **Select three of the following courses.**

- ___ PHIL 3300: Greek and Roman Philosophy **UCA UD Core: C, I**
- ___ PHIL 3301: Medieval European and Islamic Philosophy
- ___ PHIL 3302: Seventeenth- and Eighteenth- Century Philosophy
- ___ PHIL 3303: Nineteenth- Century Philosophy
- ___ PHIL 3304: American Pragmatism
- ___ PHIL 3345: Feminist Philosophy **UCA UD Core: D, R**
- ___ PHIL 3352: Asian Philosophy and Religion **UCA UD Core: D, C**
- ___ RELG 3325: Buddhism **UCA UD Core: D, R**
- ___ RELG 4305: Chinese Philosophies and Religion

Ethics and Values. Courses in this area explore the many dimensions of human value– ethical, political, personal, and aesthetic– developing the ability to understand and think critically and constructively about these values and to cultivate responsible living and ethical citizenship. Six hours required. **Select two of the following courses.**

- ___ PHIL 3320: Ethics **UCA UD Core: I, R**
- ___ PHIL 3325: Legal and Political Philosophy **UCA UD Core: I, R**
- ___ PHIL 3331: Philosophy of Religion
- ___ PHIL 3340: Critical Theories of Race **UCA UD Core: D, R**
- ___ PHIL 3343: Philosophy of Sex and Love
- ___ PHIL 3360: Philosophy of the Arts
- ___ PHIL 4320: Applied Ethics **UCA UD Core: D, R**
- ___ PHIL 4350/5350: Health Care Ethics

Capstone. Courses in this area explore the many dimensions of human value– ethical, political, personal, and aesthetic– developing the ability to understand and think critically and constructively about these values and to cultivate responsible living and ethical citizenship. Three hours required. **Select one of the following courses.**

- ___ PHIL 4340: Meanings of Life **UCA UD Core: Z**
- ___ PHIL 4310: Great Works in Philosophy **Core: Z**

Electives. Choose six additional hours of any PHIL and/or RELG courses as electives to reach a total of 33 hours.

Individualized Experiential Learning. (0+ hours). Courses in this area are opportunities for students to gain experience through personalized study in internships or guided research. (Any and all may be taken for elective credit or to fulfill an area requirement, depending on topic.)

- ___ PHIL 3390: Internship in Philosophy
- ___ PHIL 4300: Readings in Philosophy
- ___ PHIL 4301: Honors Tutorial in Philosophy

Abbreviation Key – UCA Core Program

LD = Lower Division C = Effective Communication I = Critical Inquiry Z = Capstone Experience

UD = Upper Division D = Diversity R = Responsible Living

For more detailed information about UCA's core courses, please see the Undergraduate Bulletin at

<http://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments-programs/college-of-liberal-arts/departments-of-philosophy-and-religion/uca.edu/philosophy>