

Philosophy

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: PHIL100 <i>or</i> PHIL101 <i>or</i> PHIL103 <i>or</i> PHIL105
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The Major in Philosophy

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
PHIL100 <i>or</i> PHIL300	Critical Reasoning <i>or</i> Modern Formal Logic	100 -- no LP 300 -- Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL200, <i>or</i> PHIL201 <i>or</i> PHIL203	History of Great Ideas <i>or</i> Classical Philosophy <i>or</i> Modern Philosophy (take 2 of the 3)	PP	--	PHIL 201: Fall PHIL 202: Spring PHIL 200: Varies	8
300- or 400- level courses	Two courses		--	Varies	8
Electives	Two Courses		--	Varies	8
PHIL440	Advanced Seminar		--	Fall	4

Additional Recommended Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
PHIL101	Knowing & Being	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL103	Social Ethics	PS	--	Varies	4
PHIL105	Life & Death	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL120	Puzzles & Paradoxes	PH	--	Only J	4

PHIL122	Meaning of Life	PH	--	Only J	4
PHIL124	Kinds of Minds	PH	--	Only J	4
PHIL301	Decision/Game Theory	PS, Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL303	Metaphysics & Epistemology	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL305	Philosophy of Science	PN	--	Varies	4
PHIL310	Philosophy of Mind	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL312	Philosophy of Medicine	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL314	Philosophy of Language	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL316	Philosophy of Religion	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL318	Philosophy of Art	PA	--	Varies	4
PHIL320	Moral Philosophy	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL322	Political Philosophy	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL324	Philosophy of Law	PS	--	Varies	4
PHIL330	Applied Ethics	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL342	Existentialism	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL450	Senior Thesis		--	Fall	2

The Minor in Philosophy

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
PHIL100 <i>or</i> PHIL300	Critical Reasoning <i>or</i> Modern Formal Logic	Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL200, <i>or</i> PHIL201 <i>or</i> PHIL203	History of Great Ideas <i>or</i> Classical Philosophy <i>or</i> Modern Philosophy	PP	--	PHIL 201: Fall PHIL 202: Spring PHIL 200: Varies	4
Any 300- or 400-level course			--	Varies	4
Any elective			--	See above	4
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Major Overview

Our goal is to ensure that our majors and minors have “core competencies” in two areas: the history of philosophy and argument articulation. We expect our departmental students to develop skill sets that enable them to engage in rigorous argumentation not only in the classroom, but also in the challenges that they will encounter after their years at Augustana. We also expect our majors and minors to have a sense of the history of philosophy—not only of who responded to whom, but also of the richness of the metaphysical,

epistemological, and normative traditions that have shaped major philosophical movements as well as significant advancements in numerous other disciplines.

Our larger aim is that *every* student enrolled in a philosophy course receives significant exposure to the discipline of careful argumentation. To this end, as well as the end of the college-wide emphasis on critical reasoning, we offer our students exposure to several types of argument, the evaluation of arguments, and the ability to identify and address both formal and informal fallacies.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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