

## Philosophy

<b>Courses required for the first year:</b> None
<b>Courses recommended for the first year:</b> PHIL-100 <i>or</i> PHIL-101 <i>or</i> PHIL-103 <i>or</i> PHIL-105
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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
PHIL-100 <i>or</i> PHIL-300	Critical Reasoning <i>or</i> Modern Formal Logic	100 -- no LP 300 -- Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL-200, <i>or</i> PHIL-201 <i>or</i> PHIL-203	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
PHIL-440	Advanced Seminar		--	Fall	4

### Additional Recommended Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
PHIL-101	Knowing & Being	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-103	Social Ethics	PS	--	Varies	4
PHIL-105	Life & Death	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-120	Puzzles & Paradoxes	PH	--	Only J	4
PHIL-122	Meaning of Life	PH	--	Only J	4
PHIL-124	Kinds of Minds	PH	--	Only J	4
PHIL-301	Decision/Game Theory	PS, Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL-303	Metaphysics & Epistemology	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-305	Philosophy of Science	PN	--	Varies	4
PHIL-310	Philosophy of Mind	PH	--	Varies	4

PHIL-312	Philosophy of Medicine	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-314	Philosophy of Language	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-316	Philosophy of Religion	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-318	Philosophy of Art	PA	--	Varies	4
PHIL-320	Moral Philosophy	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-322	Political Philosophy	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-324	Philosophy of Law	PS	--	Varies	4
PHIL-330	Applied Ethics	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-342	Existentialism	PH	--	Varies	4
PHIL-450	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
PHIL-100 <i>or</i> PHIL-300	Critical Reasoning <i>or</i> Modern Formal Logic	Q	--	Varies	4
PHIL-200, <i>or</i> PHIL-201 <i>or</i> PHIL-203	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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