

Philosophy (PHIL)

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The vision of the North Park University philosophy department is to become a community of truthful conversation. Our mission is twofold: 1) to guide the North Park University community in critical and edifying reflection on the good life through attentive reading, writing, and experience, and 2) to prepare our majors to serve the common good as public intellectuals.

Major requirements for the B.A. degree in Philosophy

Required semester hours

36 sh

Required core courses

PHIL 2010, 2020, 2510, 3510, 3590, at least two semester hours of PHIL 3400, at least two semester hours of PHIL 4970

Electives

12sh from PHIL 2310, 2530, 2910 (repeatable), 3100, 3910

Notes and restrictions

The philosophy department shares with the other departments in the Faculty of Humanities a common spirit and orientation toward the true, the good, and the beautiful. As such philosophy majors are required to enhance their major learning experiences through electives, taking one course each in History, English, and Art.

Major requirements for the Interdisciplinary B.A. degree in Philosophy

Required semester hours

28 sh in Philosophy

16 sh of upper-division work in another discipline

Required core courses

PHIL 3590

Notes and restrictions

The philosophy department and the Humanities faculty must approve the courses that will count toward the major. The addition 16 sh may or may not be part of a double major. The philosophy department shares with the other departments in the Faculty of Humanities a common spirit and orientation toward the true, the good, and the beautiful. As such we require philosophy majors to enhance their major learning experiences with one course each in History, English, and Art. The philosophy department will consult with other departments as necessary. Students are encouraged to consult their advisor for suggestions about particular courses. Students with a double major or those obtaining a secondary teaching certificate are exempt from the Humanities co-requirements.

Minor requirements in Philosophy

Required semester hours

20 sh

Required core courses

Any PHIL courses to accumulate at least 20 semester hours.

2010 **Ancient & Medieval Philosophy (4 sh)**

A survey of the thinkers and movements in the history of philosophy from the pre-Socratics through the late medieval and early Renaissance period.

2020 **Modern & Contemporary Philosophy (4 sh)**

A survey of the thinkers and movements in the history of philosophy from the 16th through the 21st century. A

2310 **East Asian Philosophies and Ethics (4 sh) GE**

The course introduces students, who have no previous background of East Asian studies, to the general philosophical, religious, and cultural ideas of East Asia: Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Through lectures as well as critical readings in the classical primary texts and contemporary interpretations, the course develops broader and comparative points of views and approaches to the common human problems that have evolved in the major cultures of East Asia (China, Korea, and Japan). The course can serve as a foundation for further study of East Asia including East Asian literature, aesthetics, religion, politics, economics, and history.

2510 **Logic (4 sh)**

An intermediate course in formal and informal logic.

2530 **Business and Professional Ethics (2 sh)**

An introduction to the important problems and topics in the area of business and professional ethics, e.g., job discrimination, corporate responsibility, environmental obligations, professional codes of ethics, power, and accountability.

2910 **Introductory Issues in Philosophy (2 or 4 sh)**

An introduction to the meaning, ethics, and metaphysics of the human relation to various aspects of the world. Specific courses will focus on a single topic (e.g., nature, technology, culture, economics, religion.) Rationale

3100 **Political Philosophy (4 sh)**

A seminar course on selected problems and topics in the area of social and political ethics, e.g., the nature of political associations, the variety of competing visions of the good and just society. Cross-listed with POGO 3100.

3400 **Philosophy in Action (1-4 sh)**

An experiential education approach to philosophy.

3515 **Philosophy of Art (4 sh)**

A seminar course on selected problems and topics in the area of aesthetics, e.g., the nature and meaning of aesthetic value, the problem of aesthetic judgment.

3590 **Hermeneutics (4 sh)**

A seminar course on selected problems and topics in the area of hermeneutics, e.g., the nature of understanding, of language and meaning, and the role of context, tradition, and pre-judgment.

3910 **Topics (4 sh)**

A seminar course on selected topics and problems in philosophy.

4000 **Departmental Honors in Philosophy (4 sh)**

A seminar course for students who do honors work in philosophy.

4910 **Independent Study in Philosophy (1-4 sh)**

A course which allows students to work independently on a project of particular interest to them and which is not offered in the curriculum.

4970 **Internship in Philosophy (4 sh)**

A course which permits students to explore vocational options that pertain to philosophy. Please refer to the internship section of the catalog for requirements and guidelines.