

# PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

Philosophy focuses on the most fundamental questions that human beings can ask: Is the human mind a physical thing? Does God exist? What actions are morally good? Philosophy majors produce answers to these questions based not on dogma, but on careful rational argument. This focus on reason and argumentation guarantees that students develop improved analytical skills, and this explains why undergraduate philosophy majors consistently score the highest on graduate school standardized tests, such as the LSAT and GRE.

The Prelaw concentration provides a strong preparation for law school through courses in logic, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, and the philosophy of law. These courses cover a broad range of skills and knowledge that are of fundamental importance in the field of law.

**The Philosophy, B.A. major and the Prelaw concentration are available in both traditional as well as online formats.**

## Philosophy Course Groups

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Ethics and Theory</b>		
PHI 119	Introduction to Ethics	
PHI 121	Contemporary Moral Problems	
PHI 220	Medical Ethics	
PHI 321	Ethical Theory	
PHI 322	Philosophy of the Arts	
PHI 331	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHI 335	Philosophy of Law	
<b>Logic Epistemology and Philosophy of Science</b>		
PHI 115	Critical Thinking	
PHI 310	Introduction to Formal Logic	
PHI 319	Knowledge, Truth, and Belief	
PHI 325	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	
PHI 424	Philosophy of Social and Behavioral Science	
PHI 426	Philosophy of Physical Science	
PHI 474	Advanced Logic	
<b>History of Philosophy</b>		
PHI 341	History of Ancient Philosophy	
PHI 342	History of Modern Philosophy	
PHI 351	Major Philosophers	
<b>Metaphysics</b>		
PHI 359	Philosophy of Religion	
PHI 357	Metaphysics	

## Overall Requirements

- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level
- Minimum of 27 credits in philosophy courses, including at least 21 credits at the 300 level or above.

## Degree Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	University Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/">https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/</a> )	
	General Education Requirements (MAC) ( <a href="https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext">https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext</a> )	
	College of Arts and Sciences Additional Requirements (CIC) ( <a href="https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/#additionalundergraduaterequirementstext">https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/#additionalundergraduaterequirementstext</a> )	

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required</b>		<b>12</b>
PHI 310	Introduction to Formal Logic	
PHI 341	History of Ancient Philosophy	
PHI 342	History of Modern Philosophy	
PHI 494	Senior Capstone Course	

### Optional Concentration

The optional concentration as detailed following the major requirements may be added, but is not required.

- Prelaw

## Electives

Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for degree.

### Prelaw Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required *</b>		<b>9</b>
PHI 335	Philosophy of Law	
<i>Select one from the following</i>		
PHI 319	Knowledge, Truth, and Belief	
PHI 325	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	
<i>Select one from the following</i>		
PHI 321	Ethical Theory	
PHI 331	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHI 336	Philosophy of Crime and Punishment	
BLS 362	Vice, Crime, and American Law	

\* In addition to these requirements, the Philosophy department recommends that students who are looking for more courses that are good preparation for law school consider: PHI 115 (this one is particularly helpful), as well as PHI 224, PHI 355, and any special topics courses related to law.

## Disciplinary Honors in Philosophy

### Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required</b>		<b>3</b>
HSS 490	Senior Honors Project	
<b>6 credits of Honors course work in the major</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>3 credits of Honors course work in the major or another area</b>		<b>3</b>

### Recognition

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Philosophy; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

### Honors Advisor

Contact Insa Lawler [irlawler@uncg.edu](mailto:irlawler@uncg.edu) for further information and guidance about Honors in Philosophy.

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