

BA PHILOSOPHY

Program Learning Objectives

1. Significant critical skill
2. Sound command of logic
3. Competence at philosophical writing
4. Good, general knowledge of the history of philosophy
5. Grasp of main currents in contemporary philosophy
6. Familiarity with methods of contemporary philosophical inquiry

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/>) section of this catalog, including:

- 60 units of upper-division courses
- Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- 2.0 GPA
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism

Note: No Major, Support or Concentration courses may be selected as credit/no credit.

MAJOR COURSES

PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	4
PHIL 126	Logic and Argumentative Writing (A3) ¹	4
PHIL 230	Philosophical Classics: Knowledge and Reality (C2) ¹	4
PHIL 231	Philosophical Classics: Ethics and Political Philosophy (GE Electives) ¹	4
PHIL 241	Symbolic Logic	4
PHIL 300	Philosophical Writing and Research	4
PHIL 321	Philosophy of Science (Upper-Division C) ¹	4
PHIL 331	Ethics	4
PHIL 411	Metaphysics	4
PHIL 412	Epistemology	4
PHIL 459	Senior Project Preparation	1
PHIL 460	Senior Project I	1
PHIL 461	Senior Project II	2

History of Philosophy Electives

Select from the following:		4
PHIL 309	Early Greek Philosophy through Plato	
PHIL 310	Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy	
PHIL 312	Medieval Philosophy	
Select from the following:		4
PHIL 313	Early Modern Rationalism	
PHIL 314	Early Modern Empiricism	
PHIL 315	Kant and 19th Century European Philosophy	
Select from the following:		4
PHIL 317	History of Analytic Philosophy	

PHIL 318	Phenomenology	
PHIL 319	Existentialism	
Select from History of Philosophy Electives listed above or PHIL 429		4
Choose PHIL Electives (20 units) at the 300-400 level, or declare a concentration (see below). ^{2,3}		20
Arts and Humanities Breadth		
Upper-Division C (General Education) course not in PHIL ⁴		4
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below.)		56
FREE ELECTIVES		
Free Electives		40
Total units		180

- ¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.
- ² At least 12 units must be 400-level if the PHIL Electives option is chosen rather than declaring a concentration.
- ³ If a course is taken to meet a Major or Support requirement, it cannot be double-counted as an Elective for the concentration.
- ⁴ If a Religious Studies (RELS) course is taken to meet the Arts and Humanities Breadth requirement, it cannot be double-counted in the Philosophy and Religion concentration.

Concentrations

- Ethics and Society (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/philosophy/baphilosophy/ethicsandsocietyconcentration/>)
- Ethics of Science and Technology (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/philosophy/baphilosophy/ethics-of-science-and-technology-concentration/>)
- Philosophy and Religion (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/philosophy/baphilosophy/philosophy-and-religion-concentration/>)

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 72 units required, 16 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 56 units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: A1 (Oral Communication), A2 (Written Communication), A3 (Critical Thinking), and B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning).

Area A	English Language Communication and Critical Thinking	
A1	Oral Communication	4
A2	Written Communication	4
A3	Critical Thinking (4 units in Major) ¹	0
Area B	Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	
B1	Physical Science	4

B2	Life Science	4
B3	One lab taken with either a B1 or B2 course	
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	4
Upper-Division B		4
Area C	Arts and Humanities	
Lower-division courses in Area C must come from three different subject prefixes.		
C1	Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theater	4
C2	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English (4 units in Major) ¹	0
Lower-Division C Elective - Select a course from either C1 or C2		4
Upper-Division C (4 units in Major) ¹		0
Area D	Social Sciences - Select courses in Area D from at least two different prefixes	
D1	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	4
D2	Lower-Division D	4
Upper-Division D		4
Area E	Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	
Lower-Division E		4
Area F	Ethnic Studies	
F	Ethnic Studies	4
GE Electives in Areas B, C, and D		
Select courses from two different areas; may be lower-division or upper-division courses.		
GE Electives (4 units in Major plus 4 units in GE) ¹		4
Total units		56

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