

PHILOSOPHY (BA)

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/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

- 40 units of upper-division courses
- 2.0 GPA
- Graduation Writing Requirements (GWR)
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: No Major, Support or Concentration courses may be selected as credit/no credit. In addition, no more than 12 units of cooperative or internship courses can count towards your degree requirements.

Code	Title	Units
MAJOR COURSES		
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 1126	Logic and Argumentative Writing (1B) ¹	3
PHIL 2230	Philosophical Classics: Knowledge and Reality (3B) ¹	3
PHIL 2231	Philosophical Classics: Ethics and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 2241	Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 3300	Philosophical Writing and Research	3
PHIL 3321	Philosophy of Science (Upper-Division 3) ¹	3
PHIL 3331	Ethics	3
PHIL 4411	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 4412	Epistemology	3
PHIL 4459	Senior Project Preparation	1
PHIL 4460	Senior Project	2
History of Philosophy Electives		
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3309	Early Greek Philosophy through Plato	
PHIL 3310	Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy	
PHIL 3312	Medieval Philosophy	
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3313	Early Modern Rationalism	
PHIL 3314	Early Modern Empiricism	
PHIL 3315	Kant and 19th Century European Philosophy	
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3317	History of Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 3318	Phenomenology	
PHIL 3319	Existentialism	
Select any course not taken from History of Philosophy Electives or PHIL 4429		3
Approved Electives or Concentration		
(Select any 3000-4000 level PHIL courses or see list of Concentrations below) ²		15
SUPPORT COURSES		
Arts and Humanities Breadth		
Select any GE Upper-Division 3 course not in PHIL ³		3
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below)		34
FREE ELECTIVES		
Free Electives ⁴		23
Total Units		120

- ¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.
- ² If a course is taken to meet a Major or Support requirement, it cannot be double-counted as an Elective for the concentration.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ If a General Education (GE) course 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.

Concentrations

Ethics and Society

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
PHIL 4439	Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy	3
Ethics Electives		
Select from the following:		9
PHIL 3332	History of Ethics	
PHIL 3333	Political Philosophy	
PHIL 3334	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 3335	Social Ethics	
PHIL 3336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society	
PHIL 3337	Business Ethics	
PHIL 3341	Professional Ethics	
PHIL 3343	Power, Alienation, and Political Life	
PHIL 3385	Ethics Bowl	
PHIL 4439	Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy	
Technology Ethics Electives		
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3322	Philosophy of Technology	
PHIL 3323	Ethics, Science, and Technology	
PHIL 3327	Robot Ethics	
PHIL 3328	Technologies and Ethics of Warfare	
PHIL 3339	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 3340	Environmental Ethics	
Select any course that was not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above		
Total Units		15

Ethics of Science and Technology

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
PHIL 3323	Ethics, Science, and Technology	3
Ethics and Philosophy of Science and Technology Electives		
Select from the following:		6
PHIL 3322	Philosophy of Technology	
PHIL 3327	Robot Ethics	
PHIL 3328	Technologies and Ethics of Warfare	
PHIL 3339	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 3340	Environmental Ethics	
Ethics Electives		
Select from the following:		3
PHIL 3332	History of Ethics	
PHIL 3333	Political Philosophy	
PHIL 3334	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 3335	Social Ethics	

PHIL 3336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
PHIL 3337	Business Ethics
PHIL 3341	Professional Ethics
PHIL 3343	Power, Alienation, and Political Life
PHIL 3385	Ethics Bowl

Select any course that was not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above

Senior Seminar Electives

Select from the following: 3

PHIL 4421	Philosophy of Space, Time, and Matter
PHIL 4422	Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 4439	Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy

Total Units **15**

Philosophy and Religion

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
PHIL 3342	Philosophy of Religion	3

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Asian Philosophy and Religion Electives

Select from the following: 3

PHIL 3361	Indian Philosophy
PHIL 3362	Chinese and East Asian Philosophy
RELS 3301	Religions of Asia
RELS 3306	Hinduism
RELS 3307	Buddhism

Religion Electives

Select from the following: 6

RELS 3302	Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
RELS 3304	Judaism
RELS 3310	Christianity
RELS 3311	Islam
RELS 3344	Approaches to Religion and Spirituality

Select any course that was not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above

Senior Level Philosophy Electives

Select from the following: 3

PHIL 4421	Philosophy of Space, Time, and Matter
PHIL 4422	Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 4423	Philosophy of Language
PHIL 4429	Topics in the History of Philosophy
PHIL 4439	Topics in Ethics and Political Philosophy
PHIL 4449	Topics in Recent Philosophy

Total Units **15**

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 43 units required, 9 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 34 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/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: 1A (English Composition), 1B (Critical Thinking), 1C (Oral Communication), and 2 (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning).

Lower-Division General Education

Area 1	English Communication and Critical Thinking
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1A	Written Communication	3
1B	Critical Thinking (3 units in Major) ¹	0
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	
2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Area 3	Arts and Humanities	
3A	Arts	3
3B	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English (3 units in Major) ¹	0
Area 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	
4A	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	3
4B	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Area 5	Physical and Life Sciences	
5A	Physical Sciences	3
5B	Life Sciences	3
5C	Laboratory (may be embedded in a 5A or 5B course)	1
Area 6	Ethnic Studies	
6	Ethnic Studies	3
Upper-Division General Education		
Upper-Division 2/5	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical and Life Sciences	3
Upper-Division 3	Arts and Humanities (3 units in Support) ¹	0
Upper-Division 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	3
Total Units		34

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.