

Philosophy

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Major Requirements

Lower Division

12A, 25A and 25B

Upper Division

1. 100
2. One of the following: 104, 105, 107, 115
3. Two courses from the following four groups (no more than one course from any one group):
 - Group A: 122
 - Group B: 125
 - Group C: 131, 132
 - Group D: 133, 135

A total of 48 units is required in the major program. Twenty units are required in the upper division in addition to the four required upper division courses. Students must take one course from the 160-178 series and one course from the 160-187 series and three additional upper division courses. Course 101 does not count towards the major.

Students should pass Philosophy 12A before the end of the junior year and should take Philosophy 100 as soon as possible after declaring the major. One of the three additional upper division courses may be taken in another department, provided that the course selected is deemed by the major adviser to be relevant to the major. One course in the major may be taken on a *passed/not passed* basis.

Three additional upper division philosophy courses are required.

Honors Program

With the consent of the major adviser, a student with an overall 3.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher and a GPA of 3.7 or higher in courses in the major may apply for admission to the honors program. This program requires completion of either: Philosophy H196, Senior Colloquium, or a graduate seminar in the Department of Philosophy, admittance to which is contingent upon approval of the instructor in charge. It also requires that the candidate write an acceptable honors thesis, for which four units of credit will be given under Philosophy H195.

Minor Requirements

- Philosophy 25A or 25B
- One of the following four courses: 104, 105, 107, 115
- One of the following six courses: 122, 125, 131, 132, 133, 135
- Three additional upper division courses in philosophy (excluding Philosophy 101)

A minimum of three of the upper division courses must be taken at Berkeley. All courses taken in the minor must be completed on a letter-graded basis. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 in all six courses required for the minor. (A GPA of 2.0 must be maintained within the five upper division courses as well.)

PHILOS R1B Reading and Composition Through Philosophy 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks.

Prerequisites: R1A offered by any department, or an equivalent course.

Training in writing expository prose in conjunction with reading philosophical texts. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

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PHILOS 2 Individual Morality and Social Justice 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Introduction to ethical and political philosophy.

PHILOS 3 The Nature of Mind 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Introduction to the philosophy of mind. Topics to be considered may include the relation between mind and body; the structure of action; the nature of desires and beliefs; the role of the unconscious.

PHILOS 4 Knowledge and Its Limits 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Introduction to the theory of knowledge.

PHILOS 6 Man, God, and Society in Western Literature 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Philosophical issues as expressed in poetry, drama, and the novel. This course will compare and contrast the Greek, Medieval, and modern worlds, as reflected in their greatest literature, with special emphasis on the role of the community in reconciling conflicts between sub-groups in society and the individual's ability to understand and control his own life. We will also follow man's realization that the changing answers to these questions are themselves self-interpretations.

PHILOS 7 Existentialism in Literature and Film 4 Units

Department: Philosophy

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week