

PHILOSOPHY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Capital's philosophy program is part of the School of Humanities, which is filled with diverse majors and equally divergent career possibilities. We teach students to interpret text and images, to think critically, and to communicate in a language both precise and powerful. We help students develop the skills that employers tell us they most desire: clear and effective communication, creative and critical thinking, and the ability to work independently and with a team.

CAREERS AND PLACEMENT

The philosophy major provides a pre-professional foundation for careers and graduate study. Graduates of Capital's philosophy program have continued their studies in graduate school in philosophy and other disciplines, Law School, and Seminary. Others have moved directly into their careers from the philosophy major or minor. Our majors have gone on to careers in the arts, business, management, and non-profit work.

Philosophy students often pair their major or minor with another field, allowing for additional preparation for life, continuing education, and their careers.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students apply classroom learning to real life settings through study abroad, community engagement projects, undergraduate research experiences, and internships. All philosophy majors complete an intensive senior thesis research project. This work serves as the culmination of the program, and many students use it as a basis for graduate school applications.

AS A GRADUATE, YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO:

- Grapple with a brand range of questions and issues
- Articulate views, express ideas in speech and writing, and participate productively in a critical community of discourse
- Connect and apply learning to other disciplines, contemporary issues, and to areas of life and work
- Engage in critical and self-critical thinking
- Demonstrate the skills and attitudes necessary for engaging, appreciating, interpreting, comparing, and evaluating texts
- Demonstrate a knowledge of important views, authors, and approaches essential to the discipline and area of focus

WHAT ARE OUR GRADS DOING NOW?

- Teacher
- Business Manager
- Lawyer
- Minister
- Entrepreneur
- Artist
- Writer
- Business Executive
- Professor

Four-Year Sample Schedule of a Philosophy Major

First Year Fall

17 credit hours
PHIL 150 Intro to Logic - 3
PHIL 481 Departmental Seminar - 1
Modern Language - 4
UC 100 First Year Seminar - 3
UC 120 Oral Communication - 3
UC 170 Intro to Ethics - 3

First Year Spring

17 credit hours
PHIL 201 Philosophy & Science - 3
ENGL 111 Academic Composition - 4
UC 140 Quantitative Reasoning - 3
Modern Language - 4
Fine Arts - 3

Second Year Fall

17 credit hours
PHIL 170 Classical Greek Philosophy - 3
PHIL 202 Philosophy & Politics I - 3
PHIL 481 Departmental Seminar - 1
UC 220 Religious Foundations & the Bible - 3
Social Science - 4
Ethics - 3

Second Year Spring

16 credit hours
PHIL 310 Modern Philosophy - 3
PHIL 209 Philosophy & Politics II - 3
UC 241 Science & Tech in Society - 2
UC 270 Cultural Pluralism - 3
Natural Sciences, lab - 4

Third Year Fall

16 credit hours
PHIL 190 Philosophy & Religion - 3
PHIL 481 Departmental Seminar - 1
PHIL 499 Thesis - 3
UC 320 Humanities - 3
Elective - 3
Elective - 3

Third Year Spring

15 credit hours
PHIL 350 Contemporary Problems in Philosophy - 3
PHIL 293 Special Topics - 3
UC 370 Global Systems - 3
Elective - 3
Elective - 3

Fourth Year Fall

15 credit hours
PHIL 499 Thesis - 3
PHIL 370 Major Philosophers - 3
Elective - 3
Elective - 3
Elective - 3

Fourth Year Spring

15 credit hours
Elective - 3
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All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.



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