

Three-Year Student Study Plan for Philosophy

TENTATIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

The following are two samples that specify how students will complete their majors over three years, the first highlighting the specifics of their studies in Philosophy, the second highlighting how they might fulfill their LAC requirements along the way.

Sample #1:

A Model Philosophy Major Based on the 42-credit Requirement:

	FALL	SPRING
Second Year	PHL210: Critical Thinking PHL201: Ancient Philosophy	PHL202: Medieval Philosophy PHL203: Early Modern Philosophy PHL302: Theory of Knowledge
Third Year	PHL204: Modern Philosophy PHL324: Philosophy of Science	PHL301: Ethics PHL351: Aristotle PHL399a: Existentialism and Phenomenology
Fourth Year	PHL410: Senior Thesis Seminar PHL499: Senior Thesis PHL363: Hegel	PHL499: Senior Thesis

Explanation

Second Year: The student declares his or her major. The Critical Thinking requirement is fulfilled (PHL210), as well as three of the four courses required in the History of Philosophy requirement (PHL201-3). In addition, the student fulfills one of three of the required Core Courses (PHL302).

Third Year: The student completes the History of Philosophy sequence (PHL204). Theory of Knowledge (PHL302) has excited the student's interest, so s/he decides to pursue this further in Philosophy of Science (PHL324), thereby completing two of the three Core Courses requirement. In the Spring, the Student completes the Core Courses requirement with Ethics (PHL301). S/he branches out further and takes a seminar devoted entirely to Aristotle (PHL351), thereby fulfilling one of the two courses required in Individual Philosophers. Existentialism and Phenomenology (PHL399a) captures the student's interest, and s/he thereby fulfills the one course required in Special Topics.

Fourth Year: It is time for the student to think about his or her student thesis. The required Senior Thesis Seminar is designed to foster this. In consultation with other majors, the student formulates his or her topic and begins work on it, sharing drafts with his or her peers. Thesis work has also actively begun as a registered Senior Thesis (PHL499). Hegel is related to the student's thesis work, so s/he takes Hegel (PHL 363), thereby completing the 2-course Individual Philosophers requirement. The student completes his or her thesis in the Spring, in close consultation with his or her supervisor.

Sample #2:

A Model Philosophy Major Based on the 42-credit Requirement and indicating how the LAC requirements and other electives might be distributed:

	FALL	SPRING
Second Year (Sophomore)	PHL210: Critical Thinking PHL201: Ancient Philosophy ENG 201 PSYCH 201 PS 201 LRT 201	PHL202: Medieval Philosophy PHL211: Symbolic Logic ENG 202 STA 202 ARA 201 Computer Literacy
Third Year (Junior)	PHL203: Early Modern Philosophy PHL350: Plato PHL302: Theory of Knowledge CST201 SOC201 PED	PHL204: Modern Philosophy PHL362: Kant PHL303: Metaphysics CST202 PED101 Free Elective
Fourth Year (Senior)	PHL410: Senior Thesis Seminar PHL324: Philosophy of Science CST301 Free Elective Free Elective	PHL390: Philosophy of the Environment PHL499: Senior Thesis Free Elective Free Elective

Note: Philosophy majors who choose to complete their four course sequence required by the LAC (as projected for the near future) in the History of Philosophy will have up to four more courses available as free electives.

The credits above add up to exactly 91. This sample allows the students more time in the final semester to write the BA thesis. It also allows more free electives as the student becomes more familiar with university life and is able to choose in a more informed and mature manner.