Philosophy

2016-2017 Academic Year

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS MATRICULATING IN ACADEMIC YEAR: 2016-2017

DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS

TOTAL CREDITS: 120

MAJOR: PHILOSOPHY

MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 2.0

MINIMUM MAJOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 2.0

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<th>CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS</th>
<th>Major Requirements</th>
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<td><strong>Area</strong></td>
<td><strong>Credits</strong></td>
<td><strong>To Be Selected From</strong></td>
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<td><strong>First Year Writing</strong></td>
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<td>ENGL 1010 or Equivalent</td>
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<td><strong>TIDES – 1 course in fall semester</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Foreign Language – Competence at 2030-Level</strong></td>
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<td>Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish</td>
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<td><strong>Cultural Knowledge – Humanities/ Fine Arts</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ethics Elective – 1 course</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Philosophy Electives – 5 courses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Quantitative Reasoning</strong></td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>Math or PHIL 1210</td>
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<td><strong>Scientific Inquiry – 10-12</strong></td>
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<td>Courses from departments designated Social Science</td>
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<td><strong>Writing Intensive</strong></td>
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<td>Consult Major</td>
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<td><strong>Public Service – 1st Tier</strong></td>
<td>1000-3000-Level</td>
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<td><strong>Or Comparative Cultures</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Intl. Perspectives</strong></td>
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This information is for students pursuing a minor in **PHILOSOPHY – REQUIREMENTS:** 15 credit hours (5 courses) with 3 courses above 1000-Level.

To complete the required 120 hours, you may choose to take additional courses:

1. In your major
2. Of interest to you
3. To satisfy another major (32 hours)
4. To satisfy another minor (16 hours)

- The Degree Plan and other information provided in this booklet serve only as advising tools. Newcomb-Tulane College advisors will help advise you on the core-curriculum, decide on a major, and consult on any academic success issues.
- Your major advisors will advise you on major requirements.
- Students with multiple majors will have more than one advisor and will need to consult with the appropriate advisor.
- Minors are not assigned an advisor, but a faculty member in the department is designated to advise minors.
- Become familiar with your major! By declaring early, you have access to a major advisor, are able to enroll in “majors only” classes, and are included in list serves that allow you to receive information about events, internships, and other opportunities.
- Pre-med and Pre-law students should also consult with one of the Pre-Professional advisors.
Philosophy is considered a branch of the language arts which involves the study of truths or principles underlying all knowledge. For some 2,500 years, it has inspired us to examine, question, and understand our beliefs and values. Students of philosophy explore cultural ideals, learn to think analytically and critically, deepen their knowledge of ethics, and become familiar with some of the most important figures in the history of thought. Philosophy provides excellent preparation for most professional fields; but more importantly it provides an education for life.

**RELATED ACTIVITIES**
Participation on a debate or forensic team; attending debates, political rallies, or lectures; chairing public panel discussions; freelance writing or newspaper editorials; completing word games or puzzles; solitary meditation; mediating conflicts between family and friends; solving logic problems; reading.

**SKILLS**
- Ability to formulate / defend positions
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Ability to summarize / reduce complex data
- Ability to solve problems
- Ability to analyze cause and effects
- Ability to speak effectively / listen objectively
- Ability to organize, conduct, and explain research
- Ability to listen critically
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Ability to appreciate others perspectives
- Comprehensive command of grammar/vocabulary
- Proficiency in analytical reasoning

**OCCUPATIONS TO CONSIDER**
- Advertising Executive
- Arbitrator
- Archivist
- Biographer
- Book Critic
- Clergy
- College Administrator
- College Advisor
- College Instructor
- Congressional Staff Member
- Consumer Advocate
- Copy Editor
- Criminologist
- Critic
- Curator
- Diplomat
- Editorial Assistant
- Educator
- FBI / CIA Agent
- Film Editor
- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Insurance Agent
- Institutional Research
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Lecturer
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Market Research Analyst
- Mediator
- Movie Critic
- Personnel Manager
- Press Secretary
- Public Health Policy Analyst
- Publisher
- Social Worker
- Systems Analyst
- Technical Writer
- Urban Planner

**POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS**
- Archives
- Bookstores
- Churches
- Colleges/Universities
- Government Agencies
- Libraries
- Magazines
- Museums
- Newspapers
- Non-Profit Foundations
- Professional Periodicals
- Public Relation Firms
- Publishing Companies
- Radio/TV Industry
- Religious Organizations
- Research Institutions
- Social Service Agencies

If you think you might be interested in this major, but you are not absolutely sure, an exploratory advisor can help you explore major and career options, please go to: Explore.tulane.edu

If you are interested in information about Law Professions, please go to: LawProfessions.tulane.edu

If you are interested in information about Health Professions, please go to: HealthProfessions.tulane.edu
What Can I Do with a Major in...
Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alternative Natural Philosophy Association
Tom Etter
112 Blackburn Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
www.stanford.edu/~pnoyes/

American Association of Philosophy Teachers
Betsy Decyk, Executive Director
Department of Philosophy
California State University, Long Beach
Long Beach, CA 90840-2408
http://aapt-online.dhs.org/

American Philosophical Association
31 Amstel Avenue
University of Delaware
Newark, DE 19716-4797
302-831-1112
www.udel.edu/apa

American Philosophical Society
104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3387
215-440-3400
www.amphilsoc.org

Institute for Global Ethics
P.O. Box 563
Camden, ME 04843
207-236-6658
www.globalethics.org/

Philosophical Research Society
3910 Los Feliz Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323-663-2167
www.prs.org/

Society for Philosophical Inquiry
P.O. Box 20207
Alexandria, VA 22320
www.philosopher.org/

Society for Women in Philosophy
c/o Jo Trigilio
Department of Philosophy, Bentley College
174 Forest St.
Waltham, MA 02154
www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP/

RELATED WEBSITES

Philosophy in Cyberspace
www.personal.monash.edu.au/~dey/phil/

American Society for Philosophy, Counseling, and Psychotherapy (ASPCP)
www.aspcp.org/

Yahoo Listing of Associations
http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/humanities/philosophy/organizations/

Jobs in Philosophy
www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainJob.asp

Career Handbook for the Philosophy Major (U of FL)
www.phil.ufl.edu/ugrad/ugcrhbk.html

For Jobs, internships, resume assistance, interviews, and self-assessments, please go to:

Tulane University is committed to your academic success and provide several services to assist.