

# PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

The discipline of philosophy, the critical inquiry into the structure of reality, knowledge, and values, seeks to clarify and explicate the presuppositions and implications of various interpretations of human experience. The purposes of the Philosophy major are:

- To develop critical and creative thinking, soundness of argument, clarity of thought, and precision in expression;
- To cultivate a critical appreciation of the enduring questions constituting the philosophical heritage;
- To explore the relation between philosophical and religious thought; and
- To prepare students for graduate study.

## Program Learning Outcomes

*Students who complete the program in Philosophy will be able to:*

1. Engage in the disciplined practice of asking questions about God, the world, and themselves, including questions for which there may be no easy answers.
2. Differentiate among interrelated movements or figures in the history of philosophy.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of human reasoning or experience to provide an adequate account of the human condition, the world, ethics and Christian life.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Lower-Division Requirements</b>		
PHL 2001 or PHL 2011	Introduction to Philosophy (FE) Ethics (FE)	3
PHL 2077	Logic	3
<b>Upper-Division Requirements</b>		
PHL 3001	Plato and Aristotle	3
PHL 3002	Descartes Through Hegel	3
PHL 4001 or PHL 4011	Contemporary Voices in Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics The Search for Meaning: Goodness, Being, and Truth	3
PHL 4090	Special Studies in Philosophy	1
Choose eighteen (18) additional SOTCM upper-division major elective units <sup>1</sup>		18
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> Fifteen (15) units need to be upper-division PHL courses.

**Recommended:** Greek, German, or French should be used to fulfill the Foundational Explorations foreign language requirement.

**Note(s):** Accepting Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2022-2023/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/ad/>)