

# 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 2077	Logic and Reasoning	3
<b>Upper-Division Requirements</b>		
PHL 3001	Plato and Aristotle	3
PHL 3002	Descartes Through Hegel	3
Choose one (1) sequence from the following:		4
PHL 4001 and PHL 4090	Contemporary Voices in Philosophy, Ethics, and Language and Special Studies in Philosophy	
PHL 4011 and PHL 4090	Being and Truth and Special Studies in Philosophy	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Choose fifteen (15) units from the following:		15
PHL 3021	Justice, Politics, and the Social World	
PHL 3031	Existential Philosophy and Literature	
PHL 3041	Philosophy and Art	
PHL 3050	God and Philosophy	
PHL 3060	Philosophy and the Sciences	
PHL 3071	Education and the Ethical Life	
PHL 3080	Philosophy in Film	
PHL 3081	Ethics, Responsibility, and Love	
Choose three (3) units from the following:		3
BIB 3043	The Bible, Environment, and Creation Care: Ecological Interpretation of Scripture	
BIB 3065	Apocalyptic Literature: Daniel, Revelation, and Their Interpretation	

BIB 3078	Old Testament Psalms and Wisdom Literature: Worship and Wisdom in a World of Suffering and Injustice
BIB 4001	Jesus and the Gospels: Four Portraits of One Christ
BIB 4002	The Letters of Paul: Faith, Hope, and Love Across Distance and Difference
BIB 4014	Old Testament Prophets and the Holy Imagination: Power, Gender, Justice, and Economics
BIB 4045	Topics in Theological Interpretations of Scripture
BIB 4053	Biblical Historiography: Old Testament Historical Books and the Book of Acts
BIB 4055	Old Testament Pentateuch: Genesis through Deuteronomy
BIB 4090	Special Studies in Bible
CMI 3000	Preaching
CMI 3025	Christian Care of Souls
CMI 3040	Foundations for the Practice of Youth Ministry
CMI 3045	Enacting Worship
CMI 3050	Church as a Witness to the World
CMI 3060	Teaching for Christian Discipleship
CMI 4000	The Christian Gathering: Scripture, Baptism, and Eucharist
CMI 4010	Leading in Ministry
CMI 4015	The Church of the Nazarene: History and Polity
CMI 4020	Compassionate Ministry in Local Context
CMI 4025	Youth and Family Ministry
CMI 4090	Special Studies in Christian Ministry
THE 3005	Christian Faith and the Natural Sciences (FE)
THE 3020	The World's Faith Traditions
THE 3030	Christ and the Church
THE 3040	Theology of Creation Care
THE 3045	Theological Themes in Film
THE 3075	God, Suffering, and the Human Condition
THE 4025	Martin Luther King, Jr. and Theological Ethics
THE 4035	Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition
THE 4090	Special Studies in Theology

**Total Units** **31**

**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/2023-2024/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/adt/>)