

PHILOSOPHY - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy offers a 5-Year Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Philosophy. The combined program includes a non-thesis version of the Master's curriculum. Interested students should apply in the first semester of their junior year in order to begin graduate work in their senior year. Students should work closely with their academic advisor to ensure a smooth transition.

This program provides a valuable option for students contemplating doctoral-level study in Philosophy or related fields. It is also recommended for students who, through a combination of credit by examination, dual credit, or community college credit, approach the end of their official undergraduate studies before having had the time to fully take advantage of the wealth of opportunities available at Texas A&M. Taking one more year to earn a Master's credential will enable students to pursue more demanding and creative philosophical projects while exploring their career options.

Program Requirements

First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues	
	PHIL 205 Technology and Human Values	
	PHIL 208 Philosophy of Education	
	PHIL 251 Introduction to Philosophy	
	PHIL 252/ AFST 252 Introduction to Hip-Hop Philosophy	
	PHIL 282 Ethics in a Digital Age	
	PHIL 283 Latin American Philosophy	
	Foreign language ¹	4
	Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
	Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
	Semester Credit Hours	16

Spring

PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	COMM 203 Public Speaking	
	COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions	
	COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate	
	ENGL 203 Writing about Literature	
	ENGL 210 Technical and Professional Writing	

Foreign language ¹	4
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Semester Credit Hours	16

Summer

Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Semester Credit Hours	6

Second Year

Fall

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign language ¹	3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ²	3
Philosophy elective ⁴	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	1
Semester Credit Hours	16

Spring

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign language ¹	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Philosophy elective ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Year

Fall

Select one of the following:	3
HUMA 304/ RELS 304 Asian Religions	
PHIL 410 Classical Philosophy	
PHIL 411 Medieval Philosophy	
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
General elective ³	3

General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
PHIL 412 Seventeenth-Century Philosophy or PHIL 413 or Eighteenth-Century Philosophy	3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ²	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
Philosophy elective ⁴	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Select one of the following:	3
PHIL 414 Nineteenth Century Philosophy	
PHIL 415 American Philosophy	
PHIL 416 Recent British and American Philosophy	
PHIL 417 Phenomenology	
PHIL 418 Existentialism	
Graduate Philosophy elective ^{5,6}	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Philosophy elective ⁴	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ^{5,6}	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Fifth Year	
Fall	
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Graduate Philosophy elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

³ Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Maximum of 3 hours of PHIL 484 may be used as general electives.

⁴ In consultation with an advisor select from PHIL 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/phil/>). Maximum of 3 hours of PHIL 484 may be used as Philosophy electives.

⁵ Course can count towards the Philosophy elective on the BA degree plan.

⁶ Select from PHIL 600-699 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/liberal-arts/philosophy-humanities/#coursestext>). No more than 6 hours of PHIL 685 (Directed Studies) may be used. See graduate advisor.

A grade of C or higher is required for a course to be counted in the undergraduate major field.

The program includes a total of 156 hours, of which 6 hours of graduate-level coursework may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Master of Arts in Philosophy (non-thesis).

College and University Requirements

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

¹ Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

² Philosophy courses cannot be used to meet this requirement.