

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

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## DEGREES/PROGRAMMES OFFERED

3-Year BA

4-Year BA

Honours BA

Minor

## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Philosophy at the University of Winnipeg has a long commitment to an historical approach to philosophy and philosophical education which our graduates attest has served them well. Students in our department have the opportunity to examine authors from every historical period, and from Europe, the Middle East, North America, and other parts of the world. They can investigate philosophy's fundamental metaphysical, epistemological, and axiological questions: What is the nature of the universe? What can I know? What should I become? What should I do? This historical approach allows students to encounter diverse answers to these questions and come to understand the historical origins of the dominant answers to these questions in contemporary society. In addition to courses in the Department's History Stream, students have the opportunity to select courses from the Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream or Metaphysics and Epistemology.

The Department offers a variety of 3-Year, 4-Year, and Honours B.A. programs and a Minor. Philosophy courses also provide an excellent theoretical adjunct to majors in other departments. Introduction to Logical Reasoning provides valuable critical thinking tools for all students. The Department offers discipline specific courses such as Philosophy of Education for Education, Philosophy of Literature for English, Philosophy of History for History, Philosophy of Religion for Religion, and Philosophy of Mind for Psychology. There are also applied ethics courses such as Environmental Ethics for Environmental Science/Studies students and Health Care and Bioethics for prospective doctors, nurses and other biomedical professionals. Philosophy of the Natural Sciences or Philosophy of the Social Sciences will be of interest to students in these programs.

In addition to increasing one's understanding of possible answers to important questions, Philosophy courses enhance students' thinking and writing skills. Philosophy courses are useful to students planning careers in journalism, law, education, policy-making, politics, theology, education, administration, and counseling. Graduate Studies in philosophy typically requires students to have an Honours degree in Philosophy.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN PHILOSOPHY

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>	Students must consult with the Programme Advisor before declaring a major and are encouraged to do so before the end of their second year.
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>	90 credit hours
<b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Degree:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 18 credit hours
<b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.
Maximum Introductory Courses:	42 credit hours at the 1000 level. 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects.
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>	
Single Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours.
Double Major:	30 credit hours in Philosophy and satisfy minimum credit hours requirement in the other department/program.
Required courses in Single or Double Major:	
PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)	
6 credit hours of History Stream courses	
6 credit hours PHIL-1301(6) or PHIL-2302(6)	
6 credit hours from either the Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream <b>OR</b> the Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream	
6 credit hours in anyStream	
Depth Requirement:	
Minimum 6 credit hours must be at the 3000- or 4000- level.	

**Combined Major:** Minimum 48 credit hours from 2 different majors with not less than 24 credit hours in Philosophy courses.

Required courses:

PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)  
6 credit hours PHIL-1301 (6) or PHIL-2302 (6)  
6 credit hours History Stream

**NOTE:** PHIL-1301 and either PHIL-1001 or PHIL-1002 may be taken for degree credit.  
3000 and 4000 level courses are offered in rotation.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN PHILOSOPHY

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENT** Students must consult with the Programme Advisor before declaring a major and are encouraged to do so before the end of their second year.  
**Students should already have completed 30 credit hours.**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** 120 credit hours

### RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours  
Major: Minimum 30 credit hours

### GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities: 12 credit hours  
Science: 6 credit hours  
Social Science: 12 credit hours  
Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.  
Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.  
Maximum Introductory Courses: 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.  
Distribution: Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENT

Single Major: Minimum 48 credit hours/Maximum 66 credit hours.  
Double Major: Minimum 48 credit hours in each Major subject as specified by the department/program.  
Minimum of 18 credit hours/Maximum of 36 credit hours ancillary course  
Maximum total of major courses is 84 credit hours.

Required courses for Single and Double Major:

Programme Core (30 credits)  
PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)  
PHIL-2302(6)  
6 credit hours History Stream  
6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream  
6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream  
Stream Requirement: 9 credit hours in a Stream  
Electives: 9 credit hours  
Depth Requirement:  
6 credits 3000 level courses  
6 credits 4000 level courses

Required courses for Student Directed Stream:

Programme Core (30 credits)  
PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)  
PHIL-2302(6)  
6 credit hours History Stream  
6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream  
6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream  
18 credit hours Thematic selection of courses in consultation with Programme Advisor  
Depth Requirement:  
6 credits 3000 level courses  
6 credits 4000 level courses

**Combined Major:** Minimum 60 credit hours from two (2) different majors with not less than 30 credit hours from each major subject.

Required Courses:

Programme Core (30 credits)  
PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)  
PHIL-2302(6)  
6 credit hours History Stream  
6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream

6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream

Depth Requirement:

6 credits 3000 level courses

6 credits 4000 level courses

**NOTE:** PHIL-1301 and either PHIL-1001 or PHIL-1002 may be taken for degree credit.  
3000 and 4000 level courses are offered in rotation.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN PHILOSOPHY

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Students must consult with the Programme Advisor to enter the Honours programme and are encouraged to do so before the end of their second year.

**Students should already have completed 30 credit hours.**

Entry, continuing and graduation minimum GPA is 3.0 (B) in Philosophy courses and 2.5 (C+) in other courses.

The minimum 3.0 GPA (B) will be based on all attempts (including course repeats and failures) in Honours Subject courses.

The minimum 2.5 GPA (C+) in all Non-Honours Subject courses will be calculated as for the general degree (i.e., F's are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** 120 credit hours

### RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours

Honours: Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours must be at 4000 level.

### GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities

Science: 6 credit hours in Science

Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.

Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses.

Maximum Introductory Courses: 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

Distribution: Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.

### HONOURS REQUIREMENT

Single Honours: Minimum 54 credit hours/Maximum 78 credit hours in the Honours subject.

Minimum 12 credit hours at 3000-level in Philosophy.

Minimum 18 credit hours at 4000-level in Philosophy.

Double Honours: Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject.

Minimum 12 credit hours at 3000 level in Philosophy.

Minimum 18 credit hours at 4000-level in Philosophy.

Consult department involved for the requirements of the other Honours subject.

Required courses:

Single Honours:

Programme Core (30 credits)

PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)

PHIL-2302(6)

6 credit hours History Stream

6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream

6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream

Stream Requirement: 12 credit hours in a Stream

PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hours 4000-level in student's Stream

Electives: 6 credit hours

Depth Requirement:

12 credit hours 3000-level courses

18 credit hours 4000-level courses (Including PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hour 4000-level courses.)

Student Directed Honours Programme:

Programme Core (30 credits)

PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)

PHIL-2302(6)

6 credit hours History Stream

6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream

6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream

18 credit hours Thematic selection of courses in consultation with Programme Advisor

PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hours 4000-level in student's Theme

Depth Requirement:

12 credit hours 3000-level courses

18 credit hours 4000-level courses (including PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hour 4000-level courses.)

Double Honours:

#### Programme Core (30 credits)

PHIL-1001(6) or PHIL-1002(6)

PHIL-2302(6)

6 credit hours History Stream

6 credit hours Metaphysics and Epistemology Stream

6 credit hours Ethics, Politics and Value Theory Stream

Stream Requirement: 12 credit hours in a Stream

PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hours 4000-level in Stream

Depth Requirement:

12 credit hours 3000-level courses

18 credit hours 4000-level courses (Including PHIL-4800(6) or 6 credit hour 4000-level courses.)

**NOTE:** PHIL-1301 and either PHIL-1001 or PHIL-1002 may be taken for degree credit.

3000 and 4000 level courses are offered in rotation.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.

Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject, with a minimum of 12 credit hours above the 1000-level

Residence Requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject

Required courses: Any 18 credit hours in Philosophy, subject to the above requirements

Restrictions: Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and a Minor.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Students are advised that 3000- and 4000- level courses are offered in rotation. To complete your degree in a timely manner, you are advised to meet regularly with the Programme Advisor.

### Philosophy Course Selection

Year 1 students are advised to take a 1000 level course, although 2000 level courses do not generally require a prerequisite. For Year 2 students, or beyond, the first Philosophy course may be at the 2000-level.

3000 level courses require a minimum of 12 credit hours in Philosophy.

4000 level courses require:

A minimum of 15 credit hours in Philosophy (9 credits at 2000 level or higher)

B average or better in Philosophy courses

Written permission of the Programme Advisor.

Courses may only be counted once for degree requirements.

3000- and 4000- level Topics courses may be repeated when the topics are different.

### Humanities Requirement:

PHIL-2302(6) Logic does not fulfill the Humanities Requirement.

Credit for Logic courses received by transfer from other institutions does **not** fulfill the Humanities requirement.

### Cross-Listed Courses

Approval of Programme Advisor is required to count more than one Philosophy cross-listed course for credit towards the Major.

## STREAMS

### HISTORY STREAM COURSES

PHIL 2002(3) History of Philosophy: Classical

PHIL 2003(3) History of Philosophy: Early Modern

PHIL 2004(3) History of Philosophy: 19<sup>th</sup> Century

PHIL 2005(3) History of Philosophy: Recent

Anglo-American

PHIL 2010(3) History of Philosophy: Existentialism

PHIL-2020(3) History of Philosophy: Renaissance

PHIL 2112(3) History of Philosophy: Medieval Latin

PHIL 2291(3) History of Educational Ideas

PHIL 3502(3) History of Philosophy: Medieval Arabic and

Hebraic

PHIL 3504(3) Plato and Before

PHIL 3505(3) Aristotle and After

PHIL 3507(3) 17<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

PHIL 3508(3) 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

PHIL 3509(3) 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy

PHIL 3510(3) Anglo-American Philosophy

PHIL 3511(3) Postmodern Philosophy

PHIL 4117(3) Topics in Continental Philosophy

PHIL 4503(3) Topics in the History of Philosophy

### ETHICS, POLITICS AND VALUE THEORY STREAM COURSES

PHIL/POL 2200(6) Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 2201(6) Moral Philosophy

PHIL 2202(3) Health Care and Bioethics

PHIL 2207(3) Philosophy of Law

PHIL 2208(3) War and Peace

PHIL 2219(3) Philosophy of Art

PHIL 2220(3) Philosophy of Literature

PHIL 2230(3) Moral Issues in Business

PHIL 2240(3) Indigenous Justice Issues

PHIL 2233(3) Environmental Ethics

PHIL 2281(3) Philosophy of Education

PHIL 3215(3) Philosophy and Social Reality

PHIL 3514(3) Topics in Applied Ethics

PHIL 3515(3) Topics in Political Philosophy

PHIL 3516(3) Topics in Applied Political Philosophy

PHIL 4204(3) Topics in Moral Philosophy

PHIL 4501(3) Topics in Aesthetics

PHIL 4504(3) Topics in Social and Political Philosophy

### **METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY STREAM COURSES**

PHIL 2232(3) Philosophy of Religion  
PHIL 2234(3) Philosophy of Nature  
PHIL 2251(3) Philosophy of the Natural Sciences  
PHIL 2252(3) Philosophy of the Social Sciences  
PHIL 2264(3) Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 3100(3) Epistemology

PHIL 3101(3) Metaphysics  
PHIL 3304(3) Philosophy of Language  
PHIL 3512(3) Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 4266(3) Topics in Epistemology  
PHIL 4267(3) Topics in Metaphysics  
PHIL 4277(3) Topics in Analytic Philosophy

Students are advised that 3000- and 4000-level courses are offered in rotation and may not be offered in each session.

**PHIL-4700(3) Directed Individual Study** This course requires permission of Instructor and Programme Advisor. Students should have demonstrated ability to do independent work. A preliminary course description must be submitted in writing to the Instructor and the Programme Advisor by the end of the first week of term. Students should consult their Instructor well in advance of that deadline.

**PHIL-4800(6) Honours Thesis:** Students wishing to enrol in this course must be enrolled in the Honours Programme and consult with the Programme Advisor to determine a thesis topic.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All course descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website:  
<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>