## University Core and Graduation Requirements

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*THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (18–21 hours overlap).

### Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

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### Suggested Sequence of Courses

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

- **1st Semester**
  - First-year Writing or American Heritage | 3.0
  - Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
  - PHIL 200 | 1.0
  - PHIL 201 | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 6.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

- **2nd Semester**
  - First-year Writing or American Heritage | 3.0
  - Religion Cornerstone course | 2.0
  - PHIL 202 | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 7.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

- **3rd Semester**
  - One of the Core Topics courses | 3.0
  - PHIL 205 | 3.0
  - PHIL 206 | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 9.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

- **4th Semester**
  - One of the Historical Periods courses | 3.0
  - PHIL 300 | 3.0
  - PHIL 301 | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 9.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

#### JUNIOR YEAR

- **5th Semester**
  - One of the Values and Conduct courses | 3.0
  - One of the Historical Periods courses | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 9.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

- **6th Semester**
  - Spring/Summer courses: 3.0
  - Total Hours: 3.0

- **SOPHOMORE YEAR**
  - Philosophy elective | 3.0
  - One of the Knowledge and Reality courses | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 9.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

- **SENIOR YEAR**
  - Philosophy elective | 3.0
  - One of the Knowledge and Reality courses | 3.0
  - General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives | 9.0
  - Total Hours: 15.0

- **7th Semester**
  - PHIL 490 | 1.0
  - Total Hours: 11.0

- **8th Semester**
  - PHIL 490 | 1.0
  - Total Hours: 11.0

Note: Contact the college advisement center for help in outlining an efficient schedule.

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
For each R course, you may only take one class on any particular figure or topic. For instance, if you wish to take multiple classes of Phil 320R: Studies in Ancient Philosophy, you may only take Plato once, but you may then take Aristotle or Stoicism or any of the other figures or topics listed under Phil 320R.

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 4 courses
**SOURCES AND METHODS COURSES:**
- PHIL 200 - Philosophy Major Orientation 1.0
- PHIL 205 - Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking 3.0
- PHIL 300 - Philosophical Writing 3.0
- PHIL 305 - Intermediate Formal Logic 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 1 course
- PHIL 201 - History of Philosophy 1 3.0
- PHIL 210 - Science and Civilization 1 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 1 course
- PHIL 202 - History of Philosophy 2 3.0
- PHIL 211 - Science and Civilization 2 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 1 course
**CORE TOPICS IN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY:**
- PHIL 212R - Introduction to Applied Ethics 3.0
- PHIL 213 - Introduction to Ethics 3.0
- PHIL 214 - Introduction to the Philosophy of Art 3.0
- PHIL 215 - Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion 3.0
- PHIL 217R - Contemporary Political Philosophy 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 5** Complete 1 course
**COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING HISTORICAL PERIODS COURSE:**
- PHIL 320R - Studies in Ancient Philosophy 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 6** Complete 1 course
**COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING HISTORICAL PERIODS COURSE:**
- PHIL 340R - Studies in Medieval Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 330R - Studies in Modern Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 340R - Studies in Contemporary Philosophy 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 7** Complete 1 course
**COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VALUES AND CONDUCT COURSES:**
- PHIL 413R - Philosophy of Religion 3.0
- PHIL 414R - Philosophy of Art 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 8** Complete 1 course
**COMPLETE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY COURSES:**
- PHIL 420 - Philosophy of Language 3.0
- PHIL 421 - Metaphysics 3.0
- PHIL 422 - Epistemology 3.0
- PHIL 424 - Philosophy of Mind 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 9** Complete 2 courses
**COMPLETE FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING COMPETENCIES COURSES:**
- PHIL 424 - Philosophy of Mind 3.0
- PHIL 425 - Philosophy of Language 3.0
- PHIL 426 - Philosophy of Art 3.0
- PHIL 427 - Philosophy of Religion 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 10** Complete 6.0 hours from the following course(s)
**NOTE:** NO MORE THAN 3 HOURS OF PHIL 249R WILL BE ALLOWED. STUDENTS MUST HAVE A TOTAL OF 30 CREDIT HOURS OF UPPER-DIVISION COURSE WORK (300-LEVEL OR ABOVE) IN THE MAJOR. NOTE: PHIL 110 MAY COUNT TOWARD THIS REQUIREMENT ONLY IF TAKEN BEFORE THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR WAS DECLARED.

- PHIL 212R - Introduction to Applied Ethics 3.0
- PHIL 213 - Introduction to Ethics 3.0
- PHIL 214 - Introduction to the Philosophy of Art 3.0
- PHIL 215 - Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion 3.0
- PHIL 217R - Contemporary Political Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 249R - Philosophical Lecture Series 1.0

You may take up to 3 credit hours.

**REQUIREMENT 11** Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)
**COMPLETE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY COURSES:**
- PHIL 330R - Studies in Medieval Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 350R - Studies in Contemporary Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 355R - Studies in Non-Western Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 360R - Non-Western Philosophy 3.0
- PHIL 370R - Women and Philosophy 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 12** Complete 1 course
**SENIOR SEMINAR:**
PHIL 490 - Senior Seminar 1.0

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**THE DISCIPLINE:**
From its first appearance in ancient Greece down to the present, philosophy has sought to understand the world and the place of human beings within it. As it frames ideas by means of which to clarify and explain experience, philosophy discloses its faith in the ultimate lucidity of things. Philosophy's respect for the authority of intelligence fosters a preference for persuasion that is fundamental to personal growth and democratic society. Students who study philosophy will find that it not only provides insight into life's fundamental concerns, it also helps them develop their capacity for clear thinking and perceptive judgment. Such competence will serve them well as they pursue further education or begin their careers.

**CAREERS:**
Philosophy offers excellent career preparation, but not in the way that, say, accounting does. The value of a major in philosophy resides in the intellectual development it promotes. It lays a foundation on which more specialized study may build. In various standardized tests, philosophy majors tend to do extremely well on the verbal aptitude and on the analytic thinking sections. So philosophy can prepare a student for any type of work that requires highly developed
reading and writing skills. Students who elect to major in philosophy should look beyond their bachelor’s degree right from the start. For example, philosophy is an excellent background for the study of law or medicine. Those who intend to enter graduate school will need to start early on the foreign language requirement.

**CAREER SUGGESTIONS AND STRATEGIES:**

**Counseling**— Develop excellent verbal and written communications skills; gain related work experience; acquire master’s degree in Library Science; take counseling courses; obtain master’s degree in social work or counseling.

**Education**— teaching, research, administration, student affairs. Obtain PhD for most teaching and research positions; develop one or more concentrations in math, business, medicine, etc.; gain related experience; do internship.

**Research**— obtain PhD for college and university positions; develop excellent research, verbal and written communications skills; gain related experience.

**Government**— staff positions, congressional staffs, lobbying. Learn federal, state, and local application processes.

**Consulting**— obtain graduate degree; gain related experience.

**Ethics**— medical, environmental, research. Obtain PhD for most positions; participate in professional organizations; join debate groups; develop excellent research, verbal and written communication skills; learn government job application process.

**Writing**— writing, editing, technical writing, journalism, advertising. Serve on college newspaper staff; develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills; take courses in journalism, advertising, English; gain related experience; join professional organizations.

**Business**— management, sales/marketing, human resources, marketing research, finance, insurance, lobbying, advertising. Take business minor; gain related experience; earn leadership roles in campus organizations; take advertising courses.

For more information on careers in your major, please refer to *From Major to Career*, a publication located in all college advisement centers.

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**MAP DISCLAIMER**

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

**DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

**Philosophy Department**
Brigham Young University
4086 JFSB
Provo, UT 84602
Telephone: 801-422-2721

- Faculty advisement
- Career counseling
- Adding major classes
- Class offering changes
- Specific course information
- Grade changes
- Letters of recommendation
- Graduate school advisement
- Orientation to major

**ADVICE CENTER INFORMATION**

**Liberal Arts Advisement and Careers**
Brigham Young University
1041 JFSB
Provo, UT 84602

Telephone: 801-422-3541

- Declare or change major or minor
- Clear for graduation (recommended application is two semesters before graduation)
- GE, major, and transfer advisement
- Questions about university policies
- Clearance of CAC holds and adding over hours
- Graduation records
- Requirement sheets, correct progress report errors
- Evaluate students holds at 96 hours and 150+ hours