

PHILOSOPHY

North Dakota State University offers students a philosophy curriculum that may be approached either as a philosophy-humanities major or minor, or an interdisciplinary philosophy minor.

The Program

People have always had fundamental questions about the world in which they live. Among a wide variety of practical topics, they wondered about truth, knowledge, morality, goodness, or life's meaning. By means of dialogue, logic, and critical and creative thought, philosophers have trailblazed pathways to wisdom and an understanding of the human condition, which not only helps our students live more fulfilled lives but makes them more competitive in their careers.

The Faculty

- Dennis Cooley
- Anthony Flood
- John Helgeland (Emeritus)
- Bradley Morris
- Adam Taylor

The Philosophy-Humanities Major

The philosophy-humanities major consists of 32-semester credits. Of these, the 21 credits are required. Eleven elective credits, which can be independent studies, complete the major.

Courses	Credits
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 210 Ethics or PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 257 Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 321 Ancient Philosophy or PHIL 322 Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 323 Modern Philosophy or PHIL 324 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 450 Metaphysics or PHIL 486 Philosophy and Literature or PHIL 494 Independent Study	3
PHIL 451 Epistemology	3
Electives	11
TOTAL	32

The Philosophy-Humanities Minor

The philosophy-humanities minor consists of 21-semester credits: 15 required and six elective credits from the elective philosophy courses, including independent studies.

Courses	Credits
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 210 Ethics or PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 257 Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 450 Metaphysics or PHIL 451 Epistemology	3
PHIL 486 Philosophy and Literature or PHIL 494 Individual Study	3
Philosophy Electives	6
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(The Philosophy-Humanities Minor Continued)

Elective Philosophy Courses	Credits
PHIL 111 Professional Responsibility and Ethics	3
PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 216 Business Ethics	3
PHIL 321 Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 322 Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 323 Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 324 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 369 Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 370 Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 450 Metaphysics	3
PHIL 451 Epistemology	3
PHIL 476 History of Philosophy: Modern Period	3
PHIL 486 Philosophy and Literature	3
PHIL 487 Aesthetics	3
PHIL 494 Individual Study	3
TOTAL	21

Independent Study

Independent study along the lines of Oxford tutorials may be pursued by students wanting to read on a special philosophical topic (e.g., aesthetics) or read the work of a particular philosopher. To initiate an independent study, students must contact a philosophy faculty member.

Interdisciplinary Minor

The interdisciplinary minor consists of 21-semester credits. Of these, 15 credits must be taken from the core philosophy courses and 6 credits selected from the additional core, elective interdisciplinary or elective philosophy courses.

Courses	Credits
Core	
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 257 Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics or PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 321 Ancient Philosophy or PHIL 322 Medieval Philosophy or PHIL 323 Modern Philosophy or PHIL 324 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 450 Metaphysics	3
Elective Interdisciplinary Courses	
PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	
PHIL 216 Business Ethics	
RELS 315 Contemporary Religion	
SOC 422 Development of Social Theory	
SOC 424 Feminist Theory and Discourse	
TOTAL	21

Philosophy/Humanities Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 College Composition I	4	ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 210 or 215 Ethics or Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 257 Traditional Logic	3	Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology	3	Gen Ed Science & Technology	3
Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sciences	3	Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
	16		15
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	PHIL 323 or 324 Modern Philosophy or Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 321 or 322 Ancient Philosophy or Medieval Philosophy	3	Gen Ed Wellness	2
Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts	3	AHSS Social and Behavioral Science	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology w/Lab	4	Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts	3
Minor/Free Elective	3	Free Electives	6
	16		17
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHIL 450 or 486 Metaphysics or Philosophy & Literature	3	PHIL 451 Epistemology	3
AHSS Humanities Requirement	3	AHSS Fine Arts Requirement	3
Minor or Foreign Language	3	Minor or Foreign Language	3
Minor or Free Electives	6	Minor or Free Electives	6
	15		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHIL/HUM Electives	6	PHIL/HUM Electives	5
Minor or Foreign Language	3	Minor or Foreign Language	3
Minor or Free Electives	6	Minor or Free Electives	6
	15		14
Total Credits: 123			

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

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