BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 40

Course Title Units

First Semester

PHIL 110 Introduction to Critical Thinking I 3
GE Area A: Written English Communication (A2) 1,2 3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) 3 3
GE Area C: Arts (C1) or Humanities (C2) 3
GE Area D: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3) 3

Units 15

Second Semester

GE Area A: Oral Communication (A1) 3
GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) or Written English Communication (A2) Stretch II 3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) 4 3-4
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 5 6

Units 15-16

Third Semester

PHIL 205 Formal Logic I 3
GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) if not already satisfied or Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 5 3
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) 4 3-4
GE Area C: Arts (C1) 3
GE Area D: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3) 3

Units 15-16

Fourth Semester

PHIL 450 Ethics 3
GE Area C: Humanities: Literature (C3) 3
GE Area D: Social Sciences (D1) 3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 5 6

Units 15

Fifth Semester

PHIL 303 Modern Philosophy 3
PHIL 320GW Philosophical Analysis - GWAR 3
PHIL 321 Being and Knowing 3
GE Area UD-B: Upper Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course) 3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 5

Units 15

Sixth Semester

PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 or PHIL 516 Ancient Philosophy or Medieval Philosophy or Islamic Philosophy 3
Electives (9 units) 3
Normative Issues (6 units) 6 3
Core Issues of the Discipline (6 units) 7 3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 5 3

Units 15

Seventh Semester

Electives (9 units) 3
Normative Issues (6 units) 6 3
Core Issues of the Discipline (6 units) 6 3
GE Area UD-D: Upper Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course) 3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 5 3

Units 15

Eighth Semester

PHIL 696 Directed Reading: Learning Outcomes 1
Electives (9 units) 3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Four 5 11

Units 15

Total Units 15
120-122

1 To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet LLD and SF State Studies requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.
2 ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.
3 Depending on courses completed through Early Start, students in Pathway/Category 3 or 4 may be required to enroll in a support course to complement their Quantitative Reasoning/B4 requirement. There are multiple course options for this pathway. Before enrolling in a B4 course, students should verify their MATH Pathway/Category in their Student Center (http://cms.sfsu.edu/content/student-center). Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website (http://developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu).
4 Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.
Complementary Studies for the Philosophy Major

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degrees in Philosophy. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than PHIL, and not cross-listed with PHIL. Philosophy majors are given a multitude of pathways toward completing this requirement, each of which is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner and deepen the student’s knowledge and appreciation of a philosophical topic in a multi-disciplinary way. Philosophy majors may, with the approval of a department advisor, elect to apply 12 units in a single foreign language of their choosing or courses taken in an approved study abroad program (e.g., CSU Study Abroad). Otherwise, with the approval of a department advisor, the student may take 12 units of courses that complement an area of philosophical specialization. Philosophy is rich in such specializations. Here are some illustrative philosophical specializations in which studying philosophy and studying other disciplines is complementary: Philosophy of the Arts, Ancient Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Bioethics/Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy of Cinema, Philosophy of Dance, Philosophy of Economics, Environmental Philosophy, Global Justice, Islamic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Literature, Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Music, Philosophy of Mind, Modern European Philosophy, Philosophy of Music, Philosophy of Perception, Philosophy of Photography, Philosophy of Psychology/Cognitive Science, Political Philosophy and Social Justice, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Sexuality, Philosophy of Science and Technology, Philosophy and Society, Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Sport, Philosophy of Under-represented Groups, Philosophy of Women and Gender. To accommodate emerging areas of philosophical study, students are encouraged to design 12 unit modules for the review and approval of the department advisor.

Normative Issues

Select any two of the following:
- PHIL 330 Political Philosophy (3 units)
- PHIL 335 Law and Society (3 units)
- PHIL 378 Philosophy of Criminal Law (3 units)
- PHIL 380 Philosophy of Law (3 units)
- PHIL 383 Ethics in Medicine (3 units)
- PHIL 384 Philosophy of Research Ethics (3 units)
- PHIL 395 Ethical Issues: Science and Technology (3 units)
- PHIL 435 Human Rights in Global Perspective (3 units)
- PHIL 436 Islamic Political Philosophy (3 units)
- PHIL 451 Feminist Moral Issues (3 units)
- PHIL 460 Philosophy of Art (3 units)
- PHIL 494 Philosophy and Personal Development (3 units)

Core Issues of the Discipline

Select any two of the following:
- PHIL 350 Philosophy of Science (3 units)
- PHIL 351 Philosophy of Risk (3 units)
- PHIL 605 Metaphysics (3 units)
- PHIL 610 Theory of Knowledge (3 units)
- PHIL 611 Philosophy of Perception (3 units)
- PHIL 620 Philosophy of Mind (3 units)
- PHIL 621 Minds, Brains and Computers (3 units)
- PHIL 630 Philosophy of Language (3 units)
- PHIL 694 Philosophical Logic Workshop (3 units)
- PHIL 695 Advanced Logic Workshop (3 units)