# PHILOSOPHY SF STATE SCHOLARS ROADMAP

**Course** | **Title** | **Units**
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**First Year**

**Fall Semester**

ENG 114 | Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2)<sup>1</sup> | 3
GE Area A (PHIL 110 Recommended)<sup>2</sup> | 3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4)<sup>3</sup> | 3
GE Area C | 3
GE Area D | 3

Spring Semester

GE Area A | 3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3)<sup>4</sup> | 3-4
GE Area C | 3
GE Area D | 3
GE Area E | 3

**Units** | 15-16
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**Second Year**

**Summer Semester**

SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two | 6

**Fall Semester**

PHIL 205 | Formal Logic I (Major Core) | 3
PHIL 320GW | Philosophical Analysis - GWAR (Major Core) | 3
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3)<sup>4</sup> | 3-4
GE Area C | 3
GE Area D | 3

**Units** | 15-16
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**Spring Semester**

History (Major Requirement) - Select One:

PHIL 301 | Ancient Philosophy (UD-C) | 3
PHIL 302 | Medieval Philosophy (UD-C) | 3
PHIL 516 | Islamic Philosophy (UD-C, GP) | 3
PHIL 303 | Modern Philosophy (Major Core, UD-C) | 3
PHIL 321 | Being and Knowing (Major Core) | 3
PHIL 450 | Ethics (Major Core, UD-C, S.J) | 3

Normative Issues (6 units) - Take One<sup>5</sup> | 3

**Units** | 15
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**Third Year**

Summer Semester

SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two | 6

**Fall Semester**

Select One (Master's Core):

PHIL 715 | Seminar in Philosophical Writing

Graduate Philosophy Seminar 1<sup>8</sup>

Normative Issues (6 units) - Take One<sup>5</sup>

Metaphysics & Epistemology (6 units) - Take Two<sup>6</sup>

Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One<sup>7</sup>

**Units** | 15
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**Spring Semester**

Select One (Master's Core):

PHIL 715 | Seminar in Philosophical Writing

Graduate Philosophy Seminar 1<sup>8</sup>

Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One<sup>7</sup>

GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)

Complementary Studies<sup>9</sup> | 3

SF State Studies or University Elective | 3

**Units** | 15
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**Fourth Year**

Summer Semester

SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two | 6

**Fall Semester**

Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One<sup>7</sup>

Graduate Philosophy Seminar 2<sup>8</sup>

Complementary Studies - Take Two<sup>9</sup> | 6

**Units** | 12
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**Spring Semester**

PHIL 696 | Directed Reading: Learning Outcomes (Major Core)

PHIL 718 | Teaching Philosophy (Master's Elective)<sup>10</sup> | 1

Graduate Philosophy Seminar 3<sup>8</sup>

Complementary Studies<sup>9</sup> | 3

SF State Studies or University Elective | 2

**Units** | 10
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**Fifth Year**

Summer Semester

Graduate Philosophy Seminar 4<sup>8</sup>

SF State Studies or University Elective | 3

**Units** | 6
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**Fall Semester**

PHIL 718 | Teaching Philosophy (Master's Elective)<sup>10</sup> | 1

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**Electives (9 units)**

Elective Units in Philosophy (at least three units must be upper-division)

Graduate seminars in philosophy excluding PHIL 715

**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 approve of the department advisor.

**Normative Issues - Select Two**

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**Metaphysics & Epistemology - Select Two**

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**Directed Reading in Fundamental Philosophical Texts (Master’s Core)**

1. ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105/ENG 105 ENG 106 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.
2. To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **SF State Studies** requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.
3. Depending on courses completed through Early Start, students in Pathway/Category III or IV 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. Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website.
4. Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.
5. Highly recommended for students interested in teaching Philosophy in the Graduate Teaching Associate program. If not interested in being a GTA, please take one 3-unit philosophy elective during the Spring semester of the fourth year or either semester of the fifth year instead.
6. PHIL 896 is a mandatory CR/NC course. Students who fail the exam may attempt it only once more, after enrolling again. Before enrolling again, students should consult with the Graduate Coordinator to determine when they are ready. It must be completed with a CR before the student may enroll in PHIL 898, the master’s thesis course.
7. Additional units in philosophy or in a related field with approval of Graduate Coordinator (3 units must be at the graduate level)