

PHILOSOPHY SF STATE SCHOLARS ROADMAP

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) ¹	3
GE Area A (PHIL 110 Recommended) ²		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) ³		3
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁴		3-4
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
GE Area E		3
Units		15-16
Second Year		
Summer Semester		
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		6
Units		6
Fall Semester		
PHIL 205	Formal Logic I (Major Core)	3
PHIL 300	Academic and Professional Pathways in Philosophy (Major Core)	1
PHIL 320GW	Philosophical Analysis - GVAR (Major Core)	3
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁴		3-4
GE Area C		3
GE Area F [±]		3
Units		16-17
Spring Semester		
PHIL 303	Modern Philosophy (Major Core, UD-C)	3
PHIL 321	Being and Knowing (Major Core)	3
PHIL 450	Ethics (Major Core, UD-C, SJ)	3
Normative Issues (6 units) - Take One ⁵		3

History (3 units) - Take One ⁶		3
Units		15
Third Year		
Summer Semester		
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		6
Units		6
Fall Semester		
PHIL 715	Seminar in Philosophical Writing (Master's Core)	3
Normative Issues (6 Units) - Take One ⁵		3
Metaphysics & Epistemology (6 units) - Take Two ⁷		6
Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One ⁸		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One ⁸		3
Graduate Philosophy Seminar 1 ⁹		3
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
U.S. and California Government (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Complementary Studies (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/complementary-studies/) ¹⁰		3
Units		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
Electives (9 Units Total) - Take One ⁸		3
Graduate Philosophy Seminar 2 ⁹		3
Complementary Studies - Take Two (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/complementary-studies/) ¹⁰		6
GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
PHIL 696	Directed Reading: Learning Outcomes (Major Core)	1
Graduate Philosophy Seminar 3 ⁹		3
Graduate Philosophy Elective (12 Units Total) - Take One ¹¹		3
Complementary Studies (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/complementary-studies/) ¹⁰		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		5
Units		15
Fifth Year		
Summer Semester		
Graduate Philosophy Seminar 4 ⁹		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		6
Fall Semester		
PHIL 896	Directed Reading in Fundamental Philosophical Texts (Master's Core) ¹²	3

Graduate Philosophy Elective (12 Units Total) - Take Two ¹¹	6
Units	9
Spring Semester	
PHIL 898	Master's Thesis
Graduate Philosophy Elective (12 Units Total) - Take One ¹¹	3
Units	6
Total Units	154-156

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 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 the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

³ To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at mathadvising.sfsu.edu (<https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

⁵ **Normative Issues (6 units)**

- PHIL 304 Ethics Bowl (3 units) (SJ)
- PHIL 330 Political Philosophy (3 units) (UD-C, SJ)
- PHIL 335 Law and Society (3 units) (UD-D, AERM, SJ)
- PHIL 375 Peace Law and Human Rights in the U.S. (3 units) (UD-D, GP, SJ)
- PHIL 378 Philosophy of Criminal Law (3 units) (UD-C, SJ)
- PHIL 380 Philosophy of Law (3 units) (UD-C, SJ)
- PHIL 383 Ethics in Medicine (3 units) (UD-C, SJ)
- PHIL 384 Philosophy of Research Ethics (3 units) (UD-C, GP, SJ)
- PHIL 395 Ethical Issues: Science and Technology (3 units) (UD-B, SJ)
- PHIL 430 Topics in Contemporary Philosophy (3 units)
- PHIL 435 Human Rights in Global Perspective (3 units) (UD-C, GP, SJ)
- PHIL 436 Islamic Political Philosophy (3 units) (UD-C, GP, SJ)
- PHIL 451 Feminist Moral Issues (3 units) (UD-C, AERM, GP, SJ)
- PHIL 460 Philosophy of Art (3 units) (UD-C, GP)
- PHIL 470 Environmental Ethics (3 units) (UD-C, ES, SJ)
- PHIL 494 Philosophy and Personal Development (3 units) (UD-C)

⁶ **History (3 units)**

- PHIL 301 Ancient Philosophy (3 units) (UD-C)
- PHIL 302 Medieval Philosophy (3 units) (UD-C)
- PHIL 410 Topics in the History of Philosophy (3 units)
- PHIL 516 Islamic Philosophy (3 units) (UD-C, GP)

⁷ **Metaphysics & Epistemology (6 units)**

- Select Two. At least one course must be non-GE. The three GE courses are PHIL 350, PHIL 351, and PHIL 621:
- PHIL 350 Philosophy of Science (3 units) (UD-B)
 - PHIL 351 Philosophy of Risk (3 units) (UD-B, ES)
 - PHIL 605 Metaphysics (3 units)
 - PHIL 610 Theory of Knowledge (3 units)
 - PHIL 620 Philosophy of Mind (3 units)
 - PHIL 621 Minds, Brains, and Computers (3 units) (UD-B)
 - PHIL 630 Philosophy of Language (3 units)

⁸ **Electives (9 units)**

Any PHIL course not used to satisfy a previous requirement can be used as an elective. At least 3 units must be an upper-division PHIL course. The remaining 6 units may be lower- or upper-division.

⁹ Graduate seminars in philosophy excluding PHIL 715

¹⁰ **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.

¹¹ Additional units in philosophy or in a related field with approval of Graduate Coordinator (3 units must be at the graduate level)

¹² 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.

± Given catalog rights, fall 2022 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.