Bachelor of Arts - Philosophy

School of Arts and Sciences

Philosophy emphasizes clarity and depth of thought, critical thinking skills and effective communication skills. These emphases place Philosophy at the very center of the Ursuline Studies Program, the inter-disciplinary studies that constitute the liberal arts core. An appreciation of the philosophical dimension of reality not only marks an educated person, but also enhances the skills demanded by a changing business and professional world.

Course Requirements for Philosophy Major
Students seeking a degree in Philosophy complete 30 hours of Philosophy courses (9 credit hours of which are in required Philosophy courses) as well as the Ursuline Studies Core Curriculum. Students are then free to take electives to complete their total number of hours required for the bachelor's degree.

Required Coursework
PH 205 Logic 3
PH 221 Ancient Philosophy 3
PH 260 Bioethics or PH 350 Ethical Values 3
Any Philosophy Courses 21

Total Credits 30

Course Requirements for Philosophy Minor
Students seeking a minor in Philosophy complete 18 credit hours of Philosophy (6 hours of which are in required Philosophy courses). The minor in Philosophy is an excellent complement to a student’s major field of study.

Required Coursework
PH 205 Logic 3
PH 221 Ancient Philosophy 3
Any Philosophy Courses 12

Total Credits 18

Career Opportunities
A major in philosophy is the basic preparation for graduate studies in philosophy, which could lead to a career in teaching philosophy. Traditionally, philosophy has been one of the very best preparations for law school. A major or minor in philosophy also critically and competently prepares students for professional programs such as medicine, business, the social sciences, theology and ministry. The American Philosophical Association has documented that philosophy majors are employed in business, education, government, publishing and the computer field.