

HONOURS BA PHILOSOPHY

Since it deals mainly with issues that have no simple solutions, philosophy emphasizes the exchange of ideas and debate, and thus cultivates an appetite for deep and serious reflection. By reading and discussing the works of the world's great thinkers on fundamental topics like truth, justice, morality and existence, you sharpen your own ability to think clearly, critically and independently. The Department's curriculum has a twin approach, historical and analytical, and covers political and social philosophy, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and logic.

The Department of Philosophy also offers programs in Ethics and Political Philosophy, and a minor in Applied Ethics.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/philosophy/undergraduate-philosophy/>)

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2021-2022 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	3 Units
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	

Compulsory Courses

PHI 2170	Logic I	3 Units
PHI 2174	Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2183	Political Philosophy	3 Units

Optional Courses

6 course units from:		6 Units
PHI 2380	Greek Philosophy	
PHI 2382	Medieval Philosophy	
PHI 2383	Modern Philosophy	
3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List A		3 Units
3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List B		3 Units
3 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List C		3 Units
6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List A at the 3000 or 4000 level		6 Units
6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List B at the 3000 or 4000 level		6 Units
6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) from List C at the 3000 or 4000 level		6 Units

6 optional course units in philosophy (PHI) at the 4000 level	6 Units
Total:	60 Units

Elective Courses

60 elective course units	60 Units
Total:	60 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Microprogram(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/undergrad/honours-ba-philosophy/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

List of Optional Courses

List A - History of Philosophy

PHI 2122	Ancient Wisdoms	3 Units
PHI 2380	Greek Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2381	Arabic Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2382	Medieval Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2383	Modern Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2386	Existentialism	3 Units
PHI 2387	Philosophy of the Enlightenment	3 Units
PHI 2389	Asian Philosophy ¹	3 Units
PHI 3108	Texts in Modern Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 3375	The Great Figures of Ancient Greek Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 3377	Continental Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 3386	19th Century Philosophy ¹	3 Units
PHI 3398	Analytic Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4301	Seminar in the History of Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4302	Texts in the History of Philosophy	3 Units

List B - Metaphysics, Logic, and Theory of Knowledge

PHI 2125	Philosophy of Cognitive Science	3 Units
PHI 2172	Philosophy of Mind	3 Units
PHI 2186	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	3 Units
PHI 2190	Philosophy of Religion	3 Units
PHI 2197	Philosophy of History	3 Units
PHI 2391	Philosophy of Science	3 Units
PHI 2392	Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art	3 Units
PHI 3170	Theory of Knowledge	3 Units
PHI 3171	Logic II ¹	3 Units
PHI 3174	Topics in Metaphysics	3 Units
PHI 3391	Philosophy of Language	3 Units
PHI 4101	Special Topics ¹	3 Units
PHI 4103	Texts in Metaphysics and Epistemology ¹	3 Units

List C - Ethics and Political Philosophy

PHI 2100	Animal Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2174	Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2183	Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 2385	Ethical Questions	3 Units
PHI 2390	Philosophy of Feminism and Gender	3 Units
PHI 2393	Philosophy of Culture	3 Units
PHI 2394	Scientific Thought and Social Values	3 Units

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PHI 2395	Philosophy of Law	3 Units
PHI 2396	Bioethics	3 Units
PHI 2397	Business Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2398	Environmental Ethics	3 Units
PHI 2399	Questions in Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 3164	Contemporary Ethical Theories	3 Units
PHI 3165	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4164	Texts in Ethics and Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4311	Problems in Contemporary Political Philosophy	3 Units
PHI 4312	Problems in Contemporary Ethics	3 Units

¹ Variable theme course which may be taken more than once provided that the themes differ.