

# PHILOSOPHY MAJOR & MINOR



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The philosophy student explores and seeks to understand values and the nature of reality. What is truth? What is morally right? What kind of life is best? What kind of society? Is there an ultimate reality? Philosophy studies questions such as these that most other subject areas are unable to address fully.

## What you can learn in Philosophy:

- **Ethics:** How should people act?
- **Epistemology:** What do people know and how do they know it?
- **Metaphysics:** Is this the real life or is this just fantasy?
- **History:** Philosophical ideas and concepts through time, including ancient, medieval, modern, Western, Asian, religious or secular traditions.
- **Writing:** How to write logical, analytical essays using critical thinking, evaluation, and correct reasoning.

## Skill Sets Acquired with a Philosophy Degree:

- Think critically and objectively
- Write clearly and effectively
- Analyze policies for fairness and accuracy
- Present your case convincingly
- Develop creative solutions to unique situations

## Requirements for the Major:

NOTE: No more than 48 units in philosophy courses can apply to the major.

<b>Language Requirement:</b>	Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement.
<b>Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement:</b>	Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

## Preparation for the Major (6 units):

Topic	Course List	Courses Chosen	Units
<b>Intro to Philosophy</b>	<b>Choose at least 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 100: Global Philosophies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 101: Ethics</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 102: Knowledge &amp; Reality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 140: Tech &amp; Human Behavior</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 200: Crit. Thinking &amp; Composition</li> </ul>	<b>Required Course:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phil 120: Logic (required)</li> </ul>	1. _____ 2. <b>120</b>  6

**Major (minimum 27 units):** Check catalog for prerequisite information.

Topic	Course List	Courses Chosen	Units
<b>History of Philosophy</b>	<b>Required Courses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 401 A: History of Philosophy: Pre-Socratic through Medieval</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 401 B: History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Early Modern</li> </ul>	1. <b>401A</b> 2. <b>401B</b>  6	6

<b>Upper Division Courses</b> <b>Choose at least 7 from the following list</b> <b>(No more than two 300-level courses will count towards the major.)</b>				
	<b>300-Level Courses</b> <b>(only 2 will count towards major)</b>	<b>500-Level Courses</b>	<b>Courses Chosen</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>Upper Division Courses (300- and 500-level courses)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 310: Phil & Human Nature [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 312: Women and Philosophy [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 315: Phil and Lit [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 325: A Major Phil Topic (6 units max) <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 328: Phil, Racism, & Justice [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 329: Social Ethics [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 330: Biomedical Ethics [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 332: Environmental Ethics [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 333: Ethics-Food [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 335: Phil of Business Ethics [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 336: Phil, Human Behavior, & the Internet [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 337: Ethics & Artificial Intelligence [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 339: Phil & Video Games [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 340: Morality of War and Peace [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 341: Logic and the Law [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 342: Morality and the Law [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 343: Ethics Bowl <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 344: Global Justice [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 351: Chinese Philosophy [GE] <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 353: Buddhist Philosophy [GE]	<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 505: 19 <sup>th</sup> -Cent. European Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 506: 20 <sup>th</sup> -Cent. Continental Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 508: Existentialism <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 509: Theory of Ethics <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 510: Philosophy of Law <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 512: Political Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 514: Philosophy of Art <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 516: Non-Western Aesthetics <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 521: Deductive Logic <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 523: Theory of Knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 530: Metaphysics <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 534: Philosophy of Language <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 535: Philosophy of Religion <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 536: Philosophy of Mind <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 537: Philosophy of Science <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 544: Queer Theory <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 555: Empirical Perspectives of Buddhism <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 565: Asian Philosophies <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 575: Major Philosopher (6 units max) <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 576: Major Philosophical Tradition (6 units max) <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 577: Major Philosophical Problem (6 units max) <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 578: Philosophical Methods (6 units max)	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____	<b>21</b>

## Requirements for the minor:

NOTE: Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at SDSU.

### **Philosophy minor: (minimum 18 units)**

#### **Choose at least 1 (3 units):**

**PHIL 100:** Global Philosophies [GE]; **PHIL 101:** Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics [GE];

**PHIL 102:** Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality [GE]; **PHIL 120:** Introduction to Logic [GE]; **PHIL 140:** Technology and Human Behavior [GE]; **PHIL 200:** Critical Thinking and Composition [GE]

**Choose at least 5 (15 units):** Upper division philosophy courses are 300-, 400-, or 500-level courses. No more than six units (2 courses) of 300-level philosophy courses will count toward the minor.