PHILOSOPHY

North Dakota State University offers students a philosophy curriculum that may be approached either as an interdisciplinary philosophy minor or a philosophy-humanities major or minor.

The Program

People have always had questions about the world in which they live. Among a wide variety of topics, they have wondered about truth, beauty, goodness or life's meaning. By means of dialogue, intuition, logic and critical thought, philosophers have created pathways to wisdom and an understanding of the human condition, which not only helps our students live more fulfilled lives but makes them more competitive in their careers.

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The Philosophy-Humanities Major

The philosophy-humanities major consists of 30 semester credits. Of these, the 21 credits are required. Nine elective credits, which can be independent studies, complete the major.

	Credits
PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL/RELS 210 - Ethics	3
PHIL 257 - Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 321 - Ancient Philosophy *or*	
PHIL 322 - Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 323 - Modern Philosophy *or*	
PHIL 324- Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 450 - Metaphysics	3
PHIL 451 - Epistemology *or*	
PHIL 486 - Philosophy and Literature *or*	
PHIL 494 - Independent Study	3
Electives	9
Total	**30**

The Philosophy-Humanities Minor

The philosophy-humanities minor consists of 21 semester credits: 15 required and three elective credits from the elective philosophy courses, including independent studies.

	Credits
PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 210 - Ethics	3
PHIL 257 - Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 450 - Metaphysics *or*	
PHIL 451 - Epistemology	3
PHIL 486 - Philosophy and Literature *or*	
PHIL 487 - Aesthetics *or*	
PHIL 494 - Individual Study	3
Philosophy Electives	6
Total	**21**

Elective Philosophy Courses

PHIL 215 - Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 216 - Business Ethics	3
PHIL 321 - Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 322 - Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 323 - Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 324 - Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 369 - Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 450 - Metaphysics	3
PHIL 451 - Epistemology	3
PHIL 476 - History of Philosophy: Modern Period	3
PHIL 486 - Philosophy and Literature	3
PHIL 487 - Aesthetics	3
PHIL 494 - Individual Study	3

Independent Study

Independent study may be pursued by students wanting to read on a special philosophical topic (e.g., aesthetics) or read the work of a particular philosopher. To initiate independent study, students must contact a faculty member.

Interdisciplinary Minor

The interdisciplinary minor consists of 21 semester credits. Of these, 15 credits must be taken from the core philosophy courses and six credits selected from additional core, elective interdisciplinary or elective philosophy courses.

Core	Credits
PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 257/HUM 257 - Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 210/RELS 210 - Introduction to Ethics *or*	
PHIL 215 - Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 321 - Ancient Philosophy *or*	
PHIL 322 - Medieval Philosophy *or*	
PHIL 323 - Modern Philosophy *or*	
PHIL 324 - Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 451 - Metaphysics	3

Elective Interdisciplinary Courses

PHIL 215 - Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 216 - Business Ethics	3
RELS 315 - Contemporary Religion	3
SOC 422 - Development of Social Theory	3
SOC 424 - Feminist Theory and Discourse	3

This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.

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