

PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

The mission of Saint Louis University's Department of Philosophy is to provide a philosophical education appropriate to the Catholic and Jesuit goals of education. This goal is rooted in the basic Catholic belief that all human experience reveals and speaks to the existence and nature of God as well as to the dignity and value of all human beings in themselves and as members of the human community.

The department strives to provide an excellent introduction to the discipline and practice of philosophy. The faculty seek to build up in students the ability to understand, explain and evaluate lines of reasoning; to foster a reflective moral life; and to educate them in the history of philosophy, contemporary philosophical debate and the Catholic heritage. The faculty nurture in each student a philosophical habit of mind, an appreciation for the Western philosophical tradition, a spirit of intellectual inquiry and a lifelong desire for wisdom.

Curriculum Overview

The Department of Philosophy in SLU's College of Arts and Sciences offers a B.A. that offers four concentrations:

General Concentration

This concentration provides students with a solid foundation in critical philosophy thinking while leaving significant room to focus on their personal interests in philosophy.

Historical Concentration

This concentration provides historical context to philosophy.

Health Sciences Concentration

This concentration enables students with appropriate science backgrounds to achieve a degree of integration between science and philosophy far greater than is possible with the historical concentration.

Society and Law Concentration

This concentration prepares students for careers dedicated to law, the welfare of society and public service.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

The department offers a wide range of opportunities for philosophical exchange and dialogue, both within the intellectual community of the University and with the wider philosophical community. These opportunities include visiting scholars, departmental colloquia, the annual Wade Memorial Lecture, various conferences, reading groups and graduate student talks.

- Students have the opportunity to get to know other philosophy majors through the Philosophy Club.
- The Vatican Microfilm Library, located on campus, is the finest resource in the United States for research in medieval and renaissance studies.
- The department of philosophy has an internationally regarded journal.
- The Collins Visiting Professorship brings European philosophy professors to Saint Louis University.

Careers

Benefits of this program also include several career opportunities. Students who pursue a degree in philosophy will find themselves well-

prepared for any number of career options. Philosophy provides, for example, excellent training for those interested in pursuing professional degrees in law, business or medicine.

Not only do philosophy majors excel on entrance exams for professional programs, but the analytical and communication skills they develop in their philosophical studies are essential for their future success in these programs. The study of philosophy is an excellent preparation for any career that puts a premium on clarity, concision and analytic reasoning.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to synthesize knowledge of two different periods of Western philosophy.
2. Graduates will be able to correctly employ principles of logical reasoning in philosophical analysis.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze and defend a philosophical position on a philosophical problem.
4. Graduates will be able to gather sources relevant to a philosophical problem.
5. Graduates will be able to interpret sources relevant to a philosophical problem.
6. Graduates will be able to synthesize sources relevant to a philosophical problem.

Requirements

SLU's Department of Philosophy offers four concentrations within the philosophy major: general, historical, health sciences, and society and law.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
College core requirements (p. 3)		57-66
For additional information about core courses (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#coretext)		
Philosophy Core		
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
PHIL 4040	Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 4880	Senior Inquiry: Project	3
Philosophy Concentration		
Select one of the following concentrations:		21
General Concentration (p. 2)		
Historical Concentration (p. 2)		
Health Sciences Concentration (p. 2)		
Society and Law Concentration (p. 2)		
General Electives		30-21
Total Credits		120

General Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
History of Philosophy		
Select two courses with the History of Philosophy attribute, such as:		6
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	

PHIL 4550	Topics in Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 4650	Topics in Modern Philosophy	

Philosophy Elective Courses (p. 3)

Select four courses in which two must be at 4000-level or higher	12
Total Credits	18

Historical Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	3
Philosophy Elective Courses (p. 3)		
Select four, two must be at 4000-level or higher	12	
Total Credits	21	

Health Sciences Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	3
History of Philosophy		
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
or PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	
Health Sciences Courses		
Select two of the following:	6	
PHIL 3360	Medical Ethics	
PHIL 3650	Topics in Science, Technology & Society	
PHIL 4150	Philosophy of Science Survey	
PHIL 4280	Biology and Mind	
Philosophy Elective Courses (p. 3)		
Select three, one must be at 4000-level or higher	9	
Total Credits	21	

Society and Law Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PHIL 3430	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	3
History of Philosophy		
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
or PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	
Society and Law Course		
Select one of the following:	3	
PHIL 3360	Medical Ethics	
PHIL 3380	Business Ethics	
PHIL 3400	Ethics & Engineering	
PHIL 3410	Computer Ethics	
PHIL 3420	Environmental and Ecological Ethics	
PHIL 3650	Topics in Science, Technology & Society	
PHIL 4150	Philosophy of Science Survey	
PHIL 4180	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	

PHIL 4310	Topics in Ethics	
PHIL 4320	Feminism and the History of Ethics	
PHIL 4810	Philosophy of Feminism	
Philosophy Elective Courses (p. 3)		
<i>Select three, one must be at 4000-level or higher</i>		9
Total Credits		21

Philosophy Electives

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL 3250	Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 3300	Philosophy of the Human Person	
PHIL 3350	Philosophy and Good Life	
PHIL 3360	Medical Ethics	
PHIL 3380	Business Ethics	
PHIL 3400	Ethics & Engineering	
PHIL 3420	Environmental and Ecological Ethics	
PHIL 3430	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 3440	Morality and Modern Warfare	
PHIL 3450	Disaster Narratives	
PHIL 3480	Jewish Life: Bible to Middle Ages	
PHIL 3490	Jewish Life: Middle Ages to Modern Times	
PHIL 3650	Topics in Science, Technology & Society	
PHIL 4080	Advanced Symbolic Logic	
PHIL 4090	Topics in Advanced Logic	
PHIL 4100	Survey of Epistemology	
PHIL 4120	Topics in Epistemology	
PHIL 4150	Philosophy of Science Survey	
PHIL 4160	Philosophy and Physics	
PHIL 4170	Topics: Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 4180	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	
PHIL 4210	Topics in Metaphysics	
PHIL 4220	Survey Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 4260	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 4280	Biology and Mind	
PHIL 4310	Topics in Ethics	
PHIL 4320	Feminism and the History of Ethics	
PHIL 4350	Survey of Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 4550	Topics in Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 4560	Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas	
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 4650	Topics in Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 4700	Contemporary German Philosophy	
PHIL 4710	Survey Continental Philosophy	
PHIL 4720	Topics Continental Philosophy	
PHIL 4740	Philosophy of Karl Marx	
PHIL 4750	Latin American Philosophy	
PHIL 4760	Spanish Philosophy	
PHIL 4800	Topics and Movements in Contemporary Philosophy	
PHIL 4810	Philosophy of Feminism	

PHIL 4820	Philosophy and Race	
PHIL 4830	Person and Action: The Philosophical Anthropology & Ethics of John Paul II	
PHIL 4840	Catholic Social Thought	
PHIL 4850	Topics in Philosophical Anthropology	
PHIL 4860	Prob in Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 4870	Systematic Survey	
Total Credits		0

Continuation Standards

Students must have a GPA of 2.00 in Philosophy major coursework to be retained in the major.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Components and Credits		
	Foundations of Discourse (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foundations-discourse)	3
	Diversity in the U.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity)	3
	Global Citizenship (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/bs-core/global-citizenship)	3
	Foreign Language (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language)	0-9
	Fine Arts (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature)	6
	Mathematics (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences)	6
	Philosophy (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy)	9
	Social Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science)	6
	Theology (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology)	9
	World History (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history)	6
Total Credits		57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Introduction to Literature for International Students (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements

as equivalents to Department of English courses. In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements

- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete Dept/Program specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

General Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
PHIL 4080	Advanced Symbolic Logic	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PHIL 4400	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	3

A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Year Three

Fall		
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 3350	Philosophy and Good Life	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Spring

PHIL 3250	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 4160	Philosophy and Physics	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Year Four

Fall		
PHIL 4210	Topics in Metaphysics	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Spring

PHIL 4880	Senior Inquiry: Project	3
PHIL 4100	Survey of Epistemology	3
A&S Core		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120