

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Philosophy

Philosophy provides a foundation for non-technical and professional careers and provides an excellent background for students planning to attend graduate school or law school. Many of the skills needed for law school, such as the ability to extract the main idea from difficult and closely argued material and the analysis and delivery of arguments, are developed in the study of philosophy.

Philosophy majors study language, mathematics, logic, animal cognition, ethics, history, technology, public policy, law, systems analysis, relation, culture, education, and psychology. Graduates in this field are more than ready to meet today's constant need to learn new skills and apply old teachings to novel problems and tasks.

Philosophy students will...

- Be challenged to think systematically and analytically about issues that impact life, careers, and community.
- Broaden their problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills.
- Be well prepared for graduate and other advanced study.
- Outperform most other majors on tests, such as the GRE, LSAT and GMAT. Overall, philosophy majors have the highest verbal score and second highest analytic score on the GRE.
- Learn valuable skills that adapt to changing careers and life demands.

Career Planning

Since 1995, 100% of the philosophy graduates from Southeast who have applied to graduate or law school have been accepted.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.
Career Services, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.		

Advanced Degree Acceptances

- Harvard University Law School
- University of Missouri Law School
- Washington University Law School
- St. Louis University Law School
- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Law School
- University of Arizona
- Washington University
- University of Indiana
- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- Western Michigan University

Internships

- Office of the Governor
- Missouri State Senate
- Missouri House of Representatives

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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

PHILOSOPHY – 31 Hours – Minor Required

- PL120 Symbolic Logic I (3)
OR
- PL330 Symbolic Logic II (3)
- PL203 Aesthetics and the Arts (3)
OR
- PL204 Ethical Theory (3)
OR
- PL245 Social & Political Philosophy (3)
- PL300 Ancient Philosophy (3)
- PL310 Modern Philosophy (3)
- PL390 Contemporary Philosophy (3)
- PL400 Seminar: Topics in Philosophy (3)
- PL450 Seminar: Methods & Movements (3)
- PL481 Practicum (1)

Choose 9 hours:

PL/UI XXX Philosophy Electives: Choose PL courses or departmentally approved UI courses. (At least one course must be 300-500 level.) PL110 recommended in first semester.

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression*, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems*, Living Systems, Logical Systems*, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems*, two IU/UI3XX* and one UI4XX

*Dependent on what is taken in major

NOTE: Twelve hours of foreign language is recommended but not required.

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	PL120/330	3
	EN100	3	Living Systems	3
	PL Elective	3	Political Systems	3
	Behavioral Systems	3	Written Expression	3
	Social Systems	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15	
SECOND YEAR	PL203/204/245	3	PL300/310	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Economic Systems	3	Artistic Expression	3
	Oral Expression	3	Develop of a Major Civ	3
	Physical Systems	3	Literary Expression	3
Total	15	Total	15	
<i>(Summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18-hour semesters.)</i>				
THIRD YEAR	PL390	3	PL300/310	3
	Minor Course	3	IU/UI 3xx	3
	Logical Systems	3	Minor Course	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15	
FOURTH YEAR	PL400	3	PL450	3
	PL Elective	3	PL481	1
	Minor Course	3	PL Elective	3
	IU/UI3XX	3	Minor Course	3
	Elective	3	UI4XX	3
		Elective	2	
Total	15	Total	15	

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a B.A. in Philosophy.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.