The principal goal of the study of philosophy is to enable students to think more clearly, deeply, and appreciatively about themselves and their world. Study of philosophy enhances analytical, critical, and interpretive capacities that are applicable to any subject matter in almost any context.

Department Programs

Major

• Philosophy Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-major-ba)

Minors

• Philosophy Minor (p. 1)
• Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-politics-economics-minor)

Graduate Programs

• M.A. in Philosophy (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy)
• Ph.D. in Philosophy (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

• take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

Core Requirements

Five philosophy (PHIL) courses, including at least one course in each of three of the four areas listed below.  

1. History of philosophy: courses above 100 with "1" or "2" as the middle digit
2. Metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language: courses above 100 with "3" or "4" as the middle digit
3. Logic and philosophy of science: courses above 100 with "5" as the middle digit
4. Value theory: courses above 100 with "6," "7," or "8" as the middle digit

Total Hours 15

1. No more than three courses may be numbered 199 or below.
2. Examples include PHIL 110, PHIL 210, PHIL 220.
3. Examples include PHIL 134, PHIL 230, PHIL 340.
4. Examples include PHIL 150, PHIL 355.
5. Examples include PHIL 160, PHIL 275, PHIL 381.

Philosophy (PHIL) course descriptions (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/philosophy/#coursestext).

See the program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-major-ba) for special opportunities.