PHILOSOPHY MAJOR, B.A.

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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. It provides many opportunities for expressing oneself, for reflecting on questions that human beings have pondered for millennia, for exchanging reasoned beliefs and engaging in focused debate, and for learning how to come to terms with problems for which there are no easy answers. A good philosophical education also helps to prepare students for responsible and intelligent participation in political and community affairs.

Department Programs

Major
- Philosophy Major, B.A. (p. 1)

Minors
- Philosophy Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/philosophy-minor/)
- 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/)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the philosophy program, students should be able to:

- Deploy philosophical concepts and terminology correctly, in either a historical or contemporary setting
- Represent clearly and accurately the views or argument of a particular philosopher, in either a historical or contemporary setting
- Identify the premises and conclusion(s) of a philosophical argument and assess both its validity and soundness
- Apply a philosophical theory or argument to a new topic, and to draw and defend reasonable conclusions about that topic
- Develop an argument for a particular solution to a philosophical problem in either a historical or contemporary setting

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must

- earn a minimum final cumulative GPA of 2.000
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
- take at least half of their major core requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the major core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for major or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirements).
details may be found on the Department of Philosophy's Web site (https://philosophy.unc.edu/undergraduate/advising/pre-law/).

Special opportunities in philosophy include, but are not limited to, the Philosophy Outreach Program (https://philosophy.unc.edu/outreach/), Phi Sigma Tau (https://philosophy.unc.edu/undergraduate/phi-sigma-tau/), the Lesher Opportunity Fund (https://philosophy.unc.edu/undergraduate/lesher-opportunity-fund/), Take a Philosopher to Lunch (https://philosophy.unc.edu/undergraduate/take-a-philosopher-to-lunch/), Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (https://parrcenter.unc.edu/ieb/), and an active speakers series (https://philosophy.unc.edu/events/category/department-talk/). See the Department of Philosophy's website (https://philosophy.unc.edu/) for details.