

# PHILOSOPHY - BACHELOR OF ARTS

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education</b>		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		<b>10</b>
	English Composition - Level 1 <sup>1</sup>	
	English Composition - Level 2 <sup>1</sup>	
	Oral Communication <sup>1</sup>	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i> <sup>1,2</sup>		<b>3-4</b>
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		<b>10-11</b>
	Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)	
	Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)	
	Either an Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits) or an Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)	
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		<b>3</b>
Either of the following courses will count towards the Introductory Philosophy Course Departmental/College Requirement also		
	PHIL 1115G Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL 2230G Philosophical Thought	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> <sup>1</sup>		<b>3</b>
<i>General Education Elective</i> <sup>1,3</sup>		<b>3</b>
<b>Viewing A Wider World</b> <sup>4</sup>		<b>6</b>
<b>Departmental/College Requirements</b>		
<i>Introductory Philosophy</i>		
This requirement is completed by the Area V: Humanities course		
<i>Ethics</i>		
Select one from the following:		<b>3</b>
	PHIL 320 Social and Political Philosophy	
	PHIL 373 Ethical Theory	
	PHIL 376 Philosophy of Law	
<i>Logic</i>		
	PHIL 1120G Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking <sup>5</sup> or PHIL 312 Formal Logic	<b>3</b>
<i>History of Philosophy</i>		
Select one from the following:		<b>3</b>
	HNRS 2140G Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
	PHIL 341 Ancient Philosophy	
	PHIL 344 Modern Philosophy	
<i>Applied Ethics</i>		
Select one from the following:		<b>3</b>
	PHIL 322 Environmental Ethics	
	PHIL 328 Applied Ethics	
	PHIL 332 Ethics and Global Poverty	
Select two from the following:		<b>6</b>
	PHIL 315 Philosophy of Language	
	PHIL 316 Philosophy of Mathematics	
	PHIL 346 Philosophy of Mind	

PHIL 350	Epistemology	
PHIL 351	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 380	Metaphysics	
<i>Philosophical Writing</i>		
PHIL 448	Writing Philosophy	<b>3</b>
<i>Additional Requirements</i>		
Select at least an additional 12 credits in philosophy, 6 of which are courses numbered 300 or above. The following HNRS course may replace a 300 level or above philosophy course.		<b>12</b>
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
<b>Second Language Requirement: (not required)</b>		
<b>Electives, to bring the total credits to 120</b>		
Select sufficient electives to bring total to 120, including 48 upper-division. <sup>7</sup>		<b>47-49</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> See the General Education section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>2</sup> A Mathematics is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.
- <sup>3</sup> The General Education Elective requirement will be satisfied with one of the "G" courses that are options under the Logic and history of Philosophy requirements listed under the Departmental/College Requirements section.
- <sup>4</sup> See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Logic course requirement, students can take either PHIL 1120G Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking or PHIL 312 Formal Logic. If students select PHIL 312, it will not count towards the General Education Elective requirement.
- <sup>6</sup> PHIL 323V will not count towards the Viewing A Wider World requirement, students will need to select two other courses for that requirement.
- <sup>7</sup> Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

## Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy there is no second language requirement.

## A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

Freshman		Credits
ENGL 1110G	Composition I <sup>1</sup>	<b>4</b>
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	<b>3</b>
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	<b>3</b>

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FYEX 1112	The Freshman Year Experience	3
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course <sup>2</sup>		3
Choose from one of the following:		3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
ACOM 1130G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
Area III: Laboratory Science Course <sup>2</sup>		4
Area VI: Fine Arts Course <sup>2</sup>		3
General Education Elective Course <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective Course		1

**Credits 30**

**Sophomore**

Choose from one of the following:		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors <sup>1</sup>	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL Elective Course		3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course OR Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course <sup>2</sup>		3-4
Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 320	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 373	Ethical Theory	
PHIL 376	Philosophy of Law	
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course <sup>3</sup>		3
Elective Courses		15

**Credits 30-31**

**Junior**

Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 312	Formal Logic	
Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 315	Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 316	Philosophy of Mathematics	
PHIL 346	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 350	Epistemology	
PHIL 351	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 380	Metaphysics	
Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 315	Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 316	Philosophy of Mathematics	
PHIL 346	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 350	Epistemology	
PHIL 351	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 380	Metaphysics	
Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 341	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 344	Modern Philosophy	
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper-Division Elective Courses		9
Elective Courses		6

**Credits 30**

**Senior**

PHIL 448	Writing Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL Applied Ethics Elective Course (choose from list)		3
PHIL Elective Course (any level)		3

PHIL Upper-Division Elective Course	6
Upper-Division Elective Courses	12
Elective Course	3

**Credits 30**

**Total Credits 120-121**

<sup>1</sup> These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements.

<sup>2</sup> See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

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