

### *Four-Year Degree Plan for Major in Philosophy*

Note that this is a sample four-year plan. There are many other course sequences that will allow a student to graduate within four years with a philosophy major, so long as prerequisite courses are taken in the proper sequence. This sample plan does not guarantee course availability, and adjustments to students' plans may be necessary if they are unable to take specific courses during specific semesters. Students who are placed into lower level AWR, MAT or other prerequisite courses will need to adjust their four-year plans accordingly. Similarly, students who bring in Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment or transfer credit for courses will need to adjust their four-year plans. A minimum of a 2.0 GPA both overall and in the major is required for graduation. In addition to major requirements, all components of the Baccalaureate Experience must be completed in order to successfully graduate.

The department encourages students who are majoring in Philosophy to consider pursuing a second major or a minor in another discipline.

The four-year plan below is just one of many pathways to complete the major. Although students are urged to take at least one 200 level PHL course before taking a 300 level PHL course, almost any PHL course offered at UT can provide a gateway into the study of philosophy. A student must earn a minimum of 124 credit hours to qualify for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy.

### *Degree Requirements*

#### **First (Freshman) Year - Fall Semester**

PHL 215	Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle	4
MAT 155	Finite Mathematics for Liberal Arts	4
	or	
MAT 160	College Algebra	4
AWR 101	Writing and Inquiry	4
BAC 101	First-Year Seminar I	1
	or	
HON 101	Pathways to Honors 1	1

**Subtotal: 13**

#### **First (Freshman) Year - Spring Semester**

PHL 2XX	200-level Philosophy elective	4
	Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.)	3
	Humanities / Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
AWR 201	Writing and Research	4
BAC 102	First-Year Seminar II	1
	or	
HON 102	Pathways to Honors 2	1

**Subtotal: 16**

#### **Second (Sophomore) Year - Fall Semester**

PHL 201	Logic	4
PHL XXX	200 or 300 level Philosophy elective	4
	Humanities / Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
	Humanities / Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4

**Subtotal: 16**

#### **Second (Sophomore) Year - Spring Semester**

PHL 225	Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant	4
	Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.)	3
	Humanities / Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4
	Humanities / Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.)	4

**Subtotal: 15**

#### **Third (Junior) Year - Fall Semester**

PHL 3XX	= 300-level Philosophy elective	4
	General elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4

**Subtotal: 16**

#### **Third (Junior) Year - Spring Semester**

PHL 3XX	300-level Philosophy elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4

**Subtotal: 16**

#### **Fourth (Senior) Year - Fall Semester**

PHL 3XX	300-level Philosophy elective	4
	or	
PHL 450	Independent Study (permission required)	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4

**Subtotal: 16**

PHL 450: permission of a full-time faculty member in Philosophy required to take PHL 450

#### **Fourth (Senior) Year - Spring Semester**

PHL 300	Philosophy elective level	4
	or	
PHL 499	Senior Thesis (permission required)	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4
	General Elective	4

**Subtotal: 16**

PHL 499: permission of a full-time faculty member in Philosophy is required in order to take PHL 499