

# Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

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## Summary of Degree Requirements

### University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are PHIL 1196, and either PHIL 4297 or PHIL 4298.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

### College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
  - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
  - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
    - **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors:** Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in all CLA/CST coursework, and in the major department.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
  - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
  - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language - these courses are numbered 1001 and 1002;
  - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
  - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
    - Third semester of a foreign language;
    - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
    - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page;
    - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
    - Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
  - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
  - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
  - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

**General Electives** are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

**Major Requirements: 12 courses in Philosophy (36 credits):**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PHIL 1066	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL 1196	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2161	History of Philosophy: Greek	3
PHIL 2172	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
<b>Ethics</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
PHIL 3222	Contemporary Ethical Theory	
PHIL 3226	Classics in Moral Philosophy	
<b>Senior Seminar</b>		
PHIL 4298 or PHIL 4297	Senior Seminar Pre-Law Tutorial	3
Six additional Philosophy courses at the 2000+ level		18
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> For scheduling reasons, especially for transfer students, another ethics-related course is often substituted.

#### Suggested Requirements for the Philosophy Major with a Pre-Law Emphasis:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PHIL 1196	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 1055	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 2161	History of Philosophy: Greek	3
PHIL 2172	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
PHIL 3243	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 4297	Pre-Law Tutorial	3
PHIL 3085	Pre-Law Internship	3
Five additional Philosophy courses at the 2000+ level		15
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Distinction in Major

Students graduate with Distinction in Major upon successful completion of PHIL 4999.

## Suggested Academic Plans

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#### Requirements for New Students starting in the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
	GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]	4
	Foreign Language 1001 - first level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
	Foreign Language 1002 - second level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
PHIL 1066	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL 1196	Introduction to Philosophy [WI]	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Year 2**

<b>Fall</b>		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
PHIL 2161	History of Philosophy: Greek	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Select one of the following:		3
Foreign Language - third level		
GenEd Global/World Society course		
Internationally Focused Course From Approved List		

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**Term Credit Hours 16**

**Spring**

GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
PHIL 2172	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3

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**Term Credit Hours 15**

**Year 3**

<b>Fall</b>		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 3222	Contemporary Ethical Theory	
PHIL 3226	Classics in Moral Philosophy	

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**Term Credit Hours 15**

**Spring**

CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		2

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**Term Credit Hours 17**

**Year 4**

<b>Fall</b>		
One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
PHIL 4298 or 4297	Senior Seminar [WI] <sup>1</sup>	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		2

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**Term Credit Hours 14**

**Spring**

One 2000+ Philosophy Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3

One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>123</b>

<sup>1</sup> PHIL 4298/PHIL 4297 may not be offered every semester. Check with advisor for offerings.

## Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Pre-Law Emphasis

<b>Year 1</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902 Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]	4
Foreign Language 1001 - first level	4
GenEd Breadth Course	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
IH 0851 or 0951 Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
Foreign Language 1002 - second level	4
GenEd Breadth Course	3
PHIL 1055 Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 1196 Introduction to Philosophy [WI]	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
IH 0852 or 0952 Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
GenEd Breadth Course	3
GenEd Breadth Course	3
PHIL 2161 History of Philosophy: Greek	3
CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
Select one of the following:	3
Foreign Language - third level	
GenEd Global/World Society course	
Internationally Focused Course From Approved List	
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
GenEd Breadth Course	3
GenEd Breadth Course	3
GenEd Breadth Course	3
PHIL 2172 History of Philosophy: Modern	3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course	3
One 2000+ Philosophy Course	3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College	2
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course	3
PHIL 3243 Philosophy of Law <sup>1</sup>	3

One 2000+ Philosophy Course	3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
One 2000+ Philosophy Course	3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course	3
PHIL 4297                      Pre-Law Tutorial [WI] <sup>2</sup>	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
PHIL 3075                      Pre-Law Seminar <sup>1,3</sup>	3
PHIL 3085                      Pre-Law Internship <sup>1,3</sup>	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective	2
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College	3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>123</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Typically offered only in the spring.
- <sup>2</sup> Course may not be offered every semester. Check with advisor for offerings.
- <sup>3</sup> PHIL 3085 must be taken with PHIL 3075.