

PHILOSOPHY 36000BA

The following information has official approval of the **Department of Philosophy**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf

1 st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:101	<i>Introduction to Philosophy (Humanities Requirement)</i>	3	
	<i>English Composition I Requirement (Note a)</i>	3	
	<i>Mathematics Requirement</i>	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	<i>Physical Education/Wellness Requirement</i>	1	
	Beginning Language I (Note b)	4	
7700:101	-OR- American Sign Language I	or 3	
Total		13-14	

1 st Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:120	Introduction to Ethics	3	
	<i>English Composition II Requirement (Note a)</i>	3	
	<i>Speech/Oral Communication Requirement</i>	3	
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
	Beginning Language II	4	Beginning Language I
7700:102	-OR- American Sign Language II	or 3	or 7700:101
Total		16-17	

2 nd Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:170	Introduction to Logic	3	
3600:211	History of Ancient Philosophy	3	
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
	<i>Social Science Requirement</i>	3	
	Intermediate Language I	3	Beginning Language II
7700:201	-OR- American Sign Language III	or 3	or 7700:102
Total		16	

2 nd Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:312	History of Medieval Philosophy	3	
3600:xxx	Philosophy Elective	3	
	<i>Humanities Requirement (outside of the Philosophy set)</i>	3	
3400:210 or 3400:221	<i>Humanities in the Western Tradition</i> -OR- <i>Humanities in the World since 1300</i>	4	32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent 32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent
	Intermediate Language II	3	Intermediate Language I
7700:202	-OR- American Sign Language IV –AND	or 3	or 7700:201
7700:222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America	2	Sign Language students only
Total		16-18	

3 rd Year		Fall Semester	
3600:313	History of Modern Philosophy	3	
3600:3/4xx	Upper Level Philosophy Elective	3	
	<i>Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	
	<i>Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2	
	<i>Social Science Requirement</i>	3	
	Free Elective (Note c)	3	
Total		16	

3 rd Year		Spring Semester	
3600:xxx	Philosophy Elective	3	
3600:3/4xx	Upper Level Philosophy Elective	3	
xxxx: 3/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	10	
Total		16	

4 th Year		Fall Semester	
xxxx:3/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	13	
	Free Elective (Note c)	3	
Total		16	

4 th Year		Spring Semester	
xxxx:3/4xx	Upper Level Electives (Note c)	12	
	Free Elective (Note c)	3-7	
Total		15-19	

	Minimum Credits for Degree	128	
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ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

- For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.
- Demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.
- Free electives can be any course not already required by your major and upper-level electives can be any course (300/400 level) in or outside the student's major, excluding General Education courses or workshops. Because of the amount of free and upper level electives available for this major, it is encouraged to focus on a specific area of interest. Please consult with the University of Akron website, the Undergraduate Bulletin, and your Academic Advisor about possible minor options.

The Department of Philosophy is in Olin Hall 235, (330) 972-7094. An interested student should see Professor Priscilla Sakezles, Department Chair. E-mail: pks@uakron.edu

COURSES:

The Philosophy curriculum includes an introduction to the field, courses in ethics, logic, and the history of philosophy. A student can also take courses on individual philosophers (Plato, Aquinas, Kant), movements (existentialism, analytic philosophy), the theory underlying an area of inquiry (metaphysics, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion, philosophy of law), and values (biomedical ethics, social and political philosophy, environmental ethics). (For a student interested in religious studies, a wide range of courses are available, including Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Science & Religion, Medieval Philosophy, Eastern Philosophy, Aquinas, and Augustine.) An excellent, comprehensive liberal education, with an emphasis on critical thinking, is provided by philosophy. This type of education develops skills which are beneficial to a student taking the LSAT or the GRE.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES:

Philosophy is necessarily linked with the other arts and sciences and provides an essential background for professional and vocational studies. Hence, a philosophy major may wish to elect an additional area of concentration, such as mathematics, sociology, psychology, or the physical sciences. Dual majors are also available. Upon receiving permission from the Chair of the Department and Dean of Arts and Sciences, a student may study abroad. A PPE major (Philosophy, Political Science, Economics) and a PSP major (Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology) also are available. The Social Sciences Division PPE Track and PSP Track each consist of courses from all three of the respective departments. Please see any of the three departments for details. Also available are Minors in Bioethics, Philosophy of Religions, Philosophy of Science and Religion, Pre-Law Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Environmental Ethics. These minors require a total of 18 credits – 12 from the Philosophy Department and 6 from designated courses in other disciplines.

EMPLOYMENT:

The philosophy curriculum provides a valuable background for virtually any occupation. By developing intelligence and the ability to think critically and analytically, philosophy is quite useful in the long-range sense, preparing a student to be independent of short-range market demands. Some philosophy majors go into academic careers, but many other vocations are possible. Philosophy is one of the best majors for doing well on the LSAT exam, being admitted to law school, and succeeding in the legal profession. A little known fact is that an exceptionally high percentage of philosophy students who apply to medical school are admitted. Philosophically educated students also do well in such fields as management and personnel, investments, government and foreign service, and journalism. Those having skills in mathematics and logic may find employment in the computer industry. Because of the wide variety of fields to which philosophy pertains, it is impossible to cite a salary range. Much depends on individual qualifications; generally, the better the credentials (grades, total number of credits, electives chosen, impression in interview, etc.), the better the job.

PLACEMENT:

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron."

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language and a minimum of 47 credits (excluding workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:

- Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside the student's major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment) except workshops and General Education courses

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