

# PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

## Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/philosophy-ba/>) is to foster a community of Christian scholars apprenticed to Jesus in the pursuit of theoretical and practical wisdom.

## Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements.

Students who declare philosophy majors during their freshman year are expected to take PHIL 210 and PHIL 230 by the end of their sophomore year. Students who declare the major later are expected to take these courses during their first two semesters in the program.

The Philosophy major may be taken as pre-professional preparation for careers in such fields as law, education and the ministry, or as preparation for graduate study in philosophy.

## Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, students will be able to:

1. Discuss, explain, and evaluate the key ideas and arguments in the history and main divisions of philosophy (ULO 1).
2. Employ the skills of philosophical reading, writing, and argument (ULO 1).
3. Apply insights from the world's wisdom traditions to their practice of the teachings of Jesus (ULO 2 and 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

## Requirements

### Upper-Division Course Prerequisites and Restrictions

All Philosophy majors must consult with their academic advisor each semester before registering for courses.

Only students who have completed a Core Curriculum course in philosophy will be permitted to enroll in upper-division Philosophy courses (300's and 400's). Exceptions to this policy may be permitted in special circumstances and will require the approval of the chair of the Philosophy Department.

## Curriculum Requirements

The major comprises 38 credits beyond the Core Curriculum requirement in Philosophy.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Program Courses</b>		
PHIL 210	Introduction to Logic	3

PHIL 230	Introduction to Practical Wisdom	3
PHIL 301 or PHIL 304	Greek and Roman Philosophy Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 303	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 350	Philosophy Seminar <sup>1</sup>	4
PHIL 351	Philosophical Recitation and Defense <sup>2</sup>	1
PHIL 450	Senior Thesis	3
Electives: Select 18 credits of upper-division PHIL courses.		18
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>38</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must be taken for a total number of 4 credits.

<sup>2</sup> Should be taken during the academic year in which students will complete their third and final oral exam (see Oral Examinations section below).

## Oral Examinations

All Philosophy majors must pass three oral exams before graduating. Each exam is a comprehensive, oral examination covering topics from all Biola philosophy courses completed in prior semesters. A study guide indicating topics and questions to prepare will be distributed at the beginning of the semester. Students are encouraged to work together to prepare. Prerequisites are at least nine credits of philosophy, either upper or lower-division, or consent of the department chair. During the academic year in which the third and final oral exam will be taken, students should enroll in PHIL 351.

## Course Sequence

**NOTE:** The course sequence table is designed by the major department and is one way that the classes will work out properly in sequence for your major. However, there are alternative or flexible ways to rotate some of the classes within the same year/level and sometimes between year levels. Please contact your major department advisor to discuss flexible alternatives in scheduling the sequence of your classes.

Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

See Core Curriculum Program section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for a list of approved Core Curriculum courses.

### Philosophy, B.A.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3	BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3	PHIL 210	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4	PHIL 230	3
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3	Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
GNST 102	1	Science (see Core Curriculum)	3
		MATH 121	1
		KNES 107	1
			<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>32</b>

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 209 or 210		3 BBST 209 or 210	3
PHIL 301 or 304		3 PHIL 350	1
PHIL 303		3 PHIL 351	1
PHIL 350		1 HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)		3 Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3
HIST 100 or 101		3 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
	<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>

**Total Credits 30**

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 251		3 BBST 354	3
Behavioral Science (see Core Curriculum)		3 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
PHIL 350		1 General Elective	3
PHIL Elective (upper-division)		3 Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
MATH 122		1 ENGL 313	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)		1 MATH 123	1
General Elective		3 Graduation Petition due in Registrar's Office	
Writing Competency Requirement			
	<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Credits 31**

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective		3 BBST 306, 316, 326, or 336	3
BBST 365		3 BBST 465	3
PHIL 350		1 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
PHIL Elective (upper-division)		3 PHIL 450	3
PHIL Elective (upper-division)		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		1	
	<b>14</b>		<b>15</b>

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 101		4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102		4 HNRS 106	4
PHIL 210		3 PHIL 350	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)		4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4

GNST 102		1 KNES 107	1
	<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 210		4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215		4 HNRS 231	4
PHIL 230		3 MATH 122	1
MATH 121		1 PHIL 350	1
Science (see Core Curriculum)		3 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
		General Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 324		4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326		2 HNRS 339	2
PHIL 301 or 304		3 PHIL 350	1
PHIL Elective (upper-division)		3 ENGL 313	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)		1 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
		PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
		MATH 123	1
	<b>13</b>		<b>17</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HNRS 443		4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465		3 HNRS 467	2
PHIL 350		1 PHIL 351	1
PHIL 303		3 PHIL 450	3
PHIL Elective (upper-division)		3 PHIL Elective (upper-division)	3
		General Elective	2
	<b>14</b>		<b>15</b>

**Total Credits 120**