

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy Major

A major in Philosophy requires ten courses selected in consultation with the major advisor. The ten courses must include

- PHIL 231 - Greek and Medieval Philosophy (offered in fall semester),
- PHIL 232 - Modern Philosophy (offered in spring semester),
- at least three courses numbered 300 or higher, of which at least one must be a PHIL 431 - Seminar in Philosophy (Junior/Senior Seminar) (offered in spring semester). Only one semester of PHIL 451 - Senior Research/PHIL 452 - Senior Research may count as a 300 or higher level course, and Directed Study (PHIL 361 - Directed Study/PHIL 362 - Directed Study) may only count as a 300-level course with the consent of the Department. No more than three courses numbered below 200 may count toward the major.
- In addition to these ten courses, all majors must participate in and pass the Senior Symposium (PHIL 440) in their senior year.

The Philosophy Department welcomes double majors and self-designed majors, and is experienced in helping students integrate Philosophy with work in other disciplines. To avoid possible scheduling problems, students considering a major in Philosophy (or one which includes Philosophy) should consult the Department early in their college career.

The Philosophy Department participates in the interdepartmental major in PPE (<https://catalog.denison.edu/catalog/courses-of-study/philosophy-politics-economics/>) and several of our courses are either cross-listed with other interdisciplinary programs or count toward majors, including Data Analytics, Global Commerce, Environmental Studies, Queer Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Philosophy Minor

Philosophy, by its very nature, is ideally suited to assist a student in integrating and articulating knowledge gained in other areas. For this reason we attempt to tailor a student's minor program in Philosophy around the specific course of studies being pursued in the selected major subject. This means that our minor program places a premium upon departmental advising.

Each Philosophy minor is required to choose a department member as a Philosophy advisor. The Philosophy advisor will not replace the student's primary academic advisor. However, the Philosophy advisor will have responsibility for guiding the student in designing the minor program in Philosophy. A minor in Philosophy requires five courses in the department. Among these courses must be PHIL 231 - Greek and Medieval Philosophy or PHIL 232 - Modern Philosophy and at least one course numbered 300 or higher.

Additional Points of Interest

Additional information about Philosophy courses and a course guide with more detailed descriptions of current courses may be obtained from the Philosophy Department, and is available on the department's website (<https://denison.edu/academics/philosophy/>).

The Titus-Hepp Lecture Series

Each year the department sponsors a colloquium series, bringing to campus nationally and internationally known philosophers who present their current work and meet with students and faculty. Visitors have included Tyler Burge (UCLA), Bonnie Honig (Brown), Graham Harman

(SCI-Arc), Anthony Kenny (Oxford), Linda Martín Alcoff (Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center), Jennifer Lackey (Northwestern), Ruth Millikan (Connecticut), Charles Mills (CUNY Graduate Center), Paul Taylor (Vanderbilt), Martha Nussbaum (Chicago), Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (UNC Chapel Hill), Peter Singer (Princeton), and others.

Other Philosophy Activities

The Philosophy Department annually publishes a national undergraduate philosophy journal, *Episteme* (<https://digitalcommons.denison.edu/episteme/>). This journal is edited and produced by philosophy majors and minors in consultation with a faculty advisor. *Episteme* encourages and receives submissions from undergraduate philosophy students throughout the country and internationally. In addition, philosophy students organize Philosophy Coffees, informal discussions of philosophical topics, about three times each semester. Special coffees are held annually for parents during Big Red Weekend, and during Denison's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration.