

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Philosophy is the creative and critical reflection on enduring questions concerning the nature of the world and our place in it. For example, philosophy asks metaphysical questions about what exists, epistemic questions about what we can claim to know, and ethical questions about the nature of the good life and right action. In addition, philosophy involves the study and practice of good reasoning and clear thinking, skills that are essential to any discipline or profession.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Application and Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfy the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
2. Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
3. Complete the major requirements below.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
PHIL A101	Introduction to Logic	3
PHIL A201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL A211	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL A212	Early Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL A301	Ethics	3
PHIL A309	Mind and Machines	3
or PHIL A311	Truth and Reality	
PHIL A350	Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy	3
or PHIL A406	Philosophy of Law	
Mastery Courses		
PHIL A423	Advanced Ethical Theory	3
PHIL A490	Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	3
Electives		
Complete 9 additional upper-division credits from the department's course offerings.		9
Total		36

Occasionally, other departments offer courses that are notably relevant for a student's academic focus. Students wishing to count such a course

toward their philosophy degree must first consult with the Philosophy Department chair.

A total of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.

Honors in Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy recognizes exceptional undergraduate students by awarding them departmental honors in philosophy. Students majoring in any one of the Bachelor of Arts tracks in Philosophy are eligible to graduate with departmental honors upon satisfaction of all of the following requirements:

1. Meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.
2. Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/>).
3. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above in courses specific to the philosophy major.
4. Complete PHIL A498 with a grade of A, and a recommendation for departmental honors from the student's faculty committee for this course.
5. Notify the chair in writing on or before date on which the Application for Graduation is filed with the Office of the Registrar of the intention to graduate with departmental honors.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing a BA in Philosophy will be able to:

- Identify, comprehend, analyze, and evaluate complex philosophical arguments in oral and written discourse.
- Understand, analyze, interpret, and apply major works in the areas of the history of philosophy, ethics, and contemporary topics.