

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

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
- 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.
- Complete the following major requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
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 A311	Truth and Reality	3
PHIL A309	Mind and Machines	3
or PHIL A321	God, Self, and the Afterlife	
PHIL A350	Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy	3
or PHIL A406	Philosophy of Law	
<b>Mastery Course</b>		
PHIL A490	Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete 9 additional upper-division credits from the department's course offerings.		9
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 39 credits must be upper-division.

## Honors in Philosophy

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy recognizes distinguished achievement by conferring programmatic honors in philosophy. In order to receive honors in philosophy, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy;
- Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/>) as outlined in the catalog;
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 in courses specific to the philosophy major;
- Complete PHIL A498 with a grade of A, and a recommendation for departmental honors from the student's faculty committee for this course;
- 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.