

Philosophy Major

Total Major hours: 32
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

Fall Semester 1 100 or 200 level PHIL course ² <i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First Year CATC options-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	Spring Semester 1 PHIL 243: Intro to Logic (2) ³ OR PHIL 245: Logic ^{1,3} <i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	Summer 1 <i>Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research</i>
Fall Semester 2 PHIL 311: History of Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval) ^{F,1, 4} <i>Language Competency Course</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	Spring Semester 2 PHIL 312: History of Philosophy (Modern and Contemporary) ^{S,4*} <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought* or BITH 374: Systematic Theology^{7*}</i>	Summer 2 <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
Fall Semester 3 PHIL 447 or 448: Advanced Topics in Philosophy (2-4) ⁶ Upper-division PHIL electives ² <i>Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Spring Semester 3 PHIL 454 or 455: Historical Seminar (2-4) ⁶ Upper-division PHIL electives (4-8) ² <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Summer 3 <i>Consider study, internship or research options.</i>
Fall Semester 4 PHIL 494: Capstone (2) ^{2*} Upper-division PHIL electives (2-8) ² <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	Spring Semester 4 Upper-division PHIL electives (2-8) ² <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	Summer 4

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#] Offered every other year

¹ Philosophy courses that meet the CATC Thematic Core tags: PHIL 311 (HP, PI), PHIL 245 (AAQR). Many 100 and 200 level elective courses carry Thematic Core tags. A maximum of 3 Thematic Core tags can be counted both for the major and CATC requirements.

² 10-16 elective hours required. First-Year students are advised to take a 100 or 200 level Philosophy course their first semester. At least 20 of the 32 hours total hours in the Philosophy major must be taken at the 300-400 level.

³ Students can choose to take the 2-credit PHIL 243 (Intro to Logic) or 4-credit PHIL 245 (Logic) to meet the requirement. PHIL 243 is the first half of the PHIL 245 class, and both are offered every semester.

⁴ PHIL 311 and 312 (History of Philosophy) do not have to be taken in order.

⁵ PHIL 494 (Capstone) is offered every fall and some spring semesters and should be taken in the senior year.

⁶ Full philosophy majors are required to take at least one PHIL 454 or 455 (Historical Seminar) AND at least one PHIL 447 or 448 (Advanced Topics).

⁷ Philosophy majors can take BITH 374: Systematic Theology instead of BITH 315: Christian Thought to meet the CATC Shared Core requirement.

-The Philosophy major is flexible, so students are encouraged to join at any time. Faculty advisors are available to assist students who join the major after their first semester or year.