

PHILOSOPHY, BA

Students receive a solid foundation for graduate study in philosophy and for training in any field that demands developed analytical and critical skills such as law, health care, journalism, or business. The Philosophy major stresses the history of philosophy and its practical applications. It also respects the diversity of students' interests and goals by allowing them the flexibility to tailor their own program by selecting courses that interest them and that complement their minor and programs such as those in Psychology, Education, English, Women's and Gender Studies, American Studies or Communication Arts. The 120 credits, with 30 of them counting toward the Philosophy degree, are to be distributed in the following manner:

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Program		
Writing (WR)		3
Quantitative Literacy (QR)		3-4
Oral Communications (OC)		3
Fitness/Health (FH)		2-3
Information, Technology & Media Literacy (ITML)		3
Religious Studies (RS)		3
Freshman Seminar (FS)		1
Humanistic & Creative Expression (HCE)		6
Natural & Physical World (NPW)		6-10
Philosophical, Ethical & Moral Dimensions (PEM)		6
Take a 1000 Level PHI course ¹		
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Environment & Human Experience (SEH)		6
World Heritage & Global Perspectives (WHG)		6
Philosophy Major		
Select two foreign language courses in sequence		6
HIS-1101	Survey of Western Civilization to 1500	3
HIS-1102	Survey of Western Civilization (since 1500)	3
Select one additional Mathematics course		3
PHI-2431	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PHI-2441	Early Modern Philosophy	3
PHI-3318	19th Century Philosophy	3
Select one of the following courses:		3
PHI-2403	The Good Life	
PHI-3404	Political Philosophy	
Select one of the following courses:		3
PHI-3333	Philosophical Theology	
PHI-3432	Medieval Philosophy	
Select five 2000 or higher level PHI courses		15
Liberal Arts (https://catalog.sfc.edu/catalogue/general-information/academic-life/academic-policies/#liberalarts) ²		6
General electives		24
Total Hours		123-129

¹ 2000-level PHI courses have a PHI 1000-level pre-requisite.

² Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete 2/3 of their degree credits (i.e. minimum 90 credits) from courses in the Liberal Arts category. For specific academic subjects, see here (<https://catalog.sfc.edu/catalogue/general-information/academic-life/academic-policies/#liberalarts>).

Philosophy majors will be given an oral comprehensive examination in their last semester before graduation. Two weeks prior to the examination, the student will submit to the department, in writing, a list of all Philosophy courses taken at St. Francis College, along with a designation of a particular area, course, or philosopher that he/she would like examination questions to emphasize. However, students must also expect to be questioned on their philosophic education as a whole. Full-time professors, as well as any adjunct professor who wishes, will take part in administering this examination.

The General Education Program is the academic cornerstone of St. Francis College and affirms its mission to graduate educated, well-rounded students to enter and participate in a changing and culturally diverse world.

As an integrated program of studies, it focuses on developing the skills expected of a liberally educated person. It provides students with a broadly-based foundation outside their areas of specialization, an understanding of how various disciplines intersect and differ, and assists in cultivating a disposition for lifelong learning.

Institutional Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate sensitivity to creative expression
2. Communicate ideas and information through written, oral, visual and digital media
3. Employ critical and analytical skills
4. Value diverse perspectives of the human experience
5. Implement information, technology and media literacy
6. Demonstrate quantitative literacy

Foundation Courses- First Year College (18 credits)

To ensure refinement of basic reasoning and cognitive skills needed for successful completion of any college degree program, the general education program requires 18 credits in foundational courses targeting student learning outcomes (SLOs) in writing; quantitative reasoning; oral communications; information, technology, and media literacy; fitness or health; religious studies; and the Freshman Seminar. Each student is required to successfully complete one course in each of the areas of the First Year College.

Bodies of Knowledge (30 credits)

A selection of 30 credits in broad areas of inquiry, designated as Bodies of Knowledge, allow students the flexibility to gain breadth and depth in a field outside of a major. Each student is required to successfully complete two different courses in each of the five Bodies of Knowledge.