advocates of religion, belles lettres, science or business. It has been studied as an end in itself, in its relation to other areas and as a preparation for studies in law, theology and medicine.

Philosophy develops finely honed analytic skills and problem solving abilities that are extremely useful in almost any academic or scientific field and in a variety of professional careers, such as journalism, public health, criminal justice and the legal professions. It provides insight into our cultural heritage, through courses in the history of philosophy and comparative philosophy, and critical insight into many other fields in the humanities and the sciences, through such courses as philosophy of natural science, philosophy of social and behavioral science, theory of knowledge, and logic.

At the undergraduate level, the Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies provides a traditional program emphasizing the history of philosophy. It seeks to teach the student methods of thinking about the comprehensive themes of truth, beauty, goodness and wisdom, conclusions concerning which can be used in the classroom as well as in life situations. In addition, it provides an interdisciplinary minor in religion studies for students interested in seminary study or graduate studies in religion. The major emphases of the department at the graduate level are research and instruction in environmental ethics and environmental philosophy. The department collaborates with the Department of Biological Sciences in the graduate environmental science program.

Programs of Study

The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the following areas:
- Bachelor of Arts, with a major in philosophy;
- Master of Arts, with a major in philosophy and a concentration in environmental ethics.

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in philosophy requires a minimum of 128 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the College of Arts and Sciences section of this catalog.

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Major in Philosophy

Following is one suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their adviser each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment.

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| **SOPHOMORE YEAR** | **HOURS** |
| **FALL** | **SPRING** |
| ENGL 2210, World Literature I | 3 | ENGL 2220, World Literature II | 3 |
| HIST 2610, United States History to 186512 | 3 | HIST 2620, United States History Since 186512 | 3 |
| PHIL 3110, Epistemology, or PHIL 4400, Metaphysics | 3 | PHIL 3310, Ancient Philosophy | 3 |
| Natural Science9 | 4 | Physical Science9 | 4 |
| Oral Communication2 | 3 | Wellness11 | 2-3 |
| **Total** | **16** | **Total** | **16-16** |
## JUNIOR YEAR

### FALL
- LANG 2040, Foreign Language (intermediate)  
  - **3**
- PHIL 3250, Philosophy of Natural Science, or PHIL 3260, Philosophy of Social and Behavioral Science  
  - **3**
- PHIL 3330, Modern Philosophy  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Laboratory Science (choice)  
  - **4**
- Total  
  - **16**

### SPRING
- LANG 2050, Foreign Language (intermediate)  
  - **3**
- PHIL 3120, Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, or PHIL 3400, Ethical Theory, or PHIL 4600, Phenomenology  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Visual and Performing Arts  
  - **3**
- Total  
  - **19**

## SENIOR YEAR

### FALL
- PHIL 4970, Capstone Seminar (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **4**
- Philosophy Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Understanding of Ideas and Values  
  - **3**
- Total  
  - **19**

### SPRING
- ECON 1110, Principles of Macroeconomics  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Elective (advanced)  
  - **3**
- Philosophy Elective  
  - **3**
- Total  
  - **15**

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**Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.**

*Some courses may require prerequisites not listed. See Arts and Sciences notes in supplement booklet for footnotes.*

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### Summary of Degree Requirements:

- Philosophy (24 advanced):  
  - **30**
- Minor (6 advanced):  
  - **18**
- Core:
  - Computer Science  
    - **3**
  - Oral Communication  
    - **3**
  - English  
    - **12**
  - History  
    - **6**
  - Political Science  
    - **6**
  - Economics  
    - **3**
  - Laboratory Science  
    - **12**
  - Mathematics  
    - **5**
  - Wellness  
    - **2**
  - Visual and Performing Arts  
    - **3**
  - Understanding of Ideas and Values  
    - **6**
  - Philosophy (included above)  
    - **3**
- Foreign Language:  
  - **6**
- Free electives:  
  - **10**

### Note:

- 42 hours must be advanced.
- 24 of the last 30 hours must be taken at UNT.

### Supplemental Information for BA with a Major in Philosophy

The major requires completion of 30 hours in philosophy composed of an 18-hour core (PHIL 2050 or 3300, PHIL 3310, 3330, PHIL 3110 or 4400, PHIL 3250 or 3260, and 3 hours chosen from PHIL 3120, 3400, or 4600), plus an additional 9 hours of philosophy electives to be selected with and approved by the undergraduate adviser, and a capstone seminar (PHIL 4970) to be taken in the senior year.

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### Minor in Philosophy

A minor in philosophy consists of 18 semester hours, including 6 advanced hours to be approved by the undergraduate adviser.

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### Interdisciplinary Minor in Religion Studies

A minor in religion studies consists of 18 semester hours from the departments of philosophy and religion studies, anthropology, history or English. Twelve hours must be selected from an approved list of courses, including at least one course in western religion and one course in eastern or comparative religion. The additional 6 hours are to be selected with and approved by the religion studies adviser.