PHILOSOPHY

COLLEGE : ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOOL : NONE
DEGREE : BACHELOR OF ARTS
OPTION/TRACK : NONE

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM : NO

CAMPUS(ES) WHERE OFFERED/CONTACT:
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- Program of Study at a Florida Community/Junior College or SUS School for Students Planning to Transfer to USF
(State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer without an A.A. degree and have fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

Students should complete the following prerequisite courses listed below at the lower level prior to entering the University. If these courses are not taken at the community college, they must be completed before the degree is granted. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of “C” is the minimum acceptable grade.

Mathematics (any courses).
Foreign Languages (Beginning and Intermediate German, French, or Latin) (1120-1121 level and 2200-2201 level)
Classics (CLT, CLA for example)

- Admission Requirements to the University Program of Study

Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university. This is a non-limited access program with the above courses recommended.

- Requirements for the Major in Philosophy

Majors in philosophy must complete at least 30 credit hours made up as follows:

PHH 3062 History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (3)
PHH 3420 History of Philosophy: Modern (3)
PHI 2100 Introduction to Formal Logic (3)
or
PHI 5135 Symbolic Logic (3)

PHI 4670 Contemporary Ethical Theory (3)

At least one of the following:

PHI 4300 Theory of Knowledge (3)
PHI 5225 Philosophy of Language (3)
PHI 4320 Philosophy of Mind (3)

6 credit hours of 4000 or 5000 level Philosophy courses
9 credit hours of Philosophy electives

Honors Program

The Honors Program in Philosophy allows superior students to pursue philosophical studies at a more advanced level than is customary in undergraduate philosophy programs. Students in the Honors Program will be required to do independent research, to participate in an Honors Seminar, and to write and defend an undergraduate thesis.

Admission Criteria:

Students must complete

PHI 2100 Introduction to Formal Logic (3)
PHH 3062 History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (3)
PHH 3420 History of Philosophy: Modern (3)
with a grade point average of 3.6.

Students must have an overall grade point average of 3.0, and their grade point average in Philosophy must be at least 3.5.

Students must be nominated for admission into the Philosophy program by a faculty member in Philosophy, and a majority of the faculty who have taught the student must approve the student's admission into the program.

Program Requirements:

Students must complete the requirements for the Philosophy major in accordance with the following provisions:

Students must take either PHH 4440 Continental Philosophy or PHH 4600 Contemporary Philosophy

Students must take one course from each of the following groups:

Group 1

PHI 3404 Scientific Method (3)
PHI 4320 Philosophy of Mind (3)
PHI 4300 Theory of Knowledge (3)
PHI 5225 Philosophy of Language (3)
PHP 4784 Analytical Philosophy (3)

Group 2

PHI 4600 Contemporary Ethical Theory (3)
PHI 3601 Contemporary Moral Issues (3)
PHI 3700 Philosophy of Religion (3)
PHI 4800 Aesthetics (3)
PHM 3021 Philosophies of Love and Sex (3)
PHM 3400 Introduction to Philosophy of Law (3)

Group 3
PHM 3100 Social Philosophy (3)
PHM 4322 Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy (3)
PHM 4331 Modern Political Philosophy (3)
PHM 4340 Contemporary Political Philosophy (3)
PHP 4788 Philosophy of Marxism (3)

Group 4
PHH 4700 American Philosophy (3)
PHP 3786 Existentialism (3)
PHP 4000 Plato (3)
PHP 4010 Aristotle (3)
PHP 4410 Kant (3)
PHP 4740 The Rationalists (3)
PHP 4745 Empiricists (3)

Students must take an Honors Seminar in their senior year.

Students must write a senior thesis and undergo an oral examination on the thesis before a committee of two faculty members, with the Chair as an ex officio member of every such committee.

Students cannot receive a grade lower than a "B" in any Philosophy course, and their grade point average in Philosophy must be at least a 3.5 to remain, or be graduated from the Philosophy Honors program.

Students must complete 35 credit hours in Philosophy, including the 3-hour thesis course and the 3-hour Honors Seminar.