

Philosophy Department Undergraduate Program Learning Objectives

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3. A familiarity with the works of the major figures in the history of philosophy.
4. A familiarity with both predicate and sentential logic, including the ability to carry out proofs within these symbolic formal systems.

		PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4
	I=Introduce P=Practice D=Demonstrate				
8	Reason, Logic, and the Idols of Thought	I, P, D			
9	Intro to Logic	I, P, D			I, P, D
11	Intro to Philosophy	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
22	Intro to Ethical Theory	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
24	Intro to Ethics: Contemporary Moral Issues	I, P, D	I, P, D		
26	Existentialism and After	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
28	Environmental Ethics	I, P, D	I, P, D		
80E	Latin American Philosophy	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
80G	Bioethics in the 21st Century: Science, Business, and Society	I, P, D	I, P, D		
80M	Philosophical Foundations of Science Studies	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
80S	The Nature of Science	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
99	Tutorial	I, P, D	I, P, D		
100A	Ancient Greek Philosophy	P, D		I, P, D	
100B	The Rationalists	P, D		I, P, D	
100C	The Empiricists	P, D		I, P, D	
106	Kant	P, D		I, P, D	
107	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	P, D		I, P, D	
108	Phenomenology	P, D		I, P, D	
109	Poststructuralism and After	P, D		I, P, D	
110	Heidegger	P, D		I, P, D	
111	Continental Philosophy	P, D		I, P, D	
112	American Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	

113	The History of Analytic Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
114	Probability and Confirmation	P, D	I, P, D		
115	Formal Methods in Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D		I, P, D
116	Logic, Sets, and Functions	P, D	I, P, D		I, P, D
117	Non-Classical Logic	P, D	I, P, D		I, P, D
118	Stoic Ethics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
119	Intermediate Logic	P, D	I, P, D		I, P, D
121	Knowledge and Rationality	P, D	I, P, D		
122	Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
123	Philosophy of Language	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
125	Philosophy of Science	P, D	I, P, D		
126	Philosophy of Social Sciences	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
127	Philosophy of Biology	P, D	I, P, D		
133	Philosophy of Mind	P, D	I, P, D		
135	Philosophy of Psychology	P, D	I, P, D		
137	Practical Rationality	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
140	History of Ethics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
142	Advanced Ethics	P, D	I, P, D		
143	Applied Ethics: Ethics Bowl	P, D	P, D		
144	Social and Political Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
147	Topics in Feminist Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
148	The Holocaust and Philosophy	P, D	P, D	I, P, D	
152	Aesthetics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
153	Philosophy of Race	P, D	P, D		
170	The Interpretation of Religion	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
171	Faith and Reason	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	
180R	Readings in Philosophy	P, D	P, D		
190	Senior Seminar	P, D	P, D		
195	Senior Essay	P, D	P, D		
199	Independent Study	P, D	P, D		

Philosophy Department Graduate Program Learning Objectives

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5. An ability to write publishable work in philosophy.

		PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5
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203	Topics in Ancient Greek Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
203	Autism	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
214	Probability and Confirmation	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	P, D
219	Intermediate Logic	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D	P, D	
222	Metaphysics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
224	Philosophy of Language	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
231	Metaphysics and Epistemology	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
232	Advanced Topics in Value Theory	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
235	Philosophy of Psychology	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
237	Making Up the Mind	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
239	Philosophy of Religion	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
252	Poststructuralism	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
270	Research Seminar	P, D	P, D	P, D		P, D
280	Graduate Colloquia Course	P	I, P	I, P		P, D
290A	Philosophy of History	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290C	Advanced Topics in Ethics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290H	Environmental Ethics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290J	Advanced Topics in the History of Ethics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290K	Philosophical Matters of	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D

	Scientific Practice					
290P	Major Figures in Contemporary Philosophy	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290Q	Philosophy of Mathematics	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290S	Topics in the Philosophy of Science	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
290W	History of Consciousness	P, D	I, P, D	I, P, D		P, D
294	Teaching-Related Independent Study	P, D	P, D	P, D		
295	Directed Reading	P	P	P		
296	Special Student Seminar	P, D	P, D	P, D		P, D