

Philosophy (BA) Philosophy Concentration

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (53-57 Hours)

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (5 Courses, 15 Hours)

No more than six hours from any one discipline.

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 6 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, JHS 101, JOU 252, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, LG 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 271, LGS 272, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 220, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 8-10 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

No more than six hour from any one discipline.

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, ECO 216, GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136, IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

Area V (3 Courses, 9-10 Hours)

- A. Foreign Language. 6 hours from any one group:

LG 101 & LG 102, LGS 106 & LGS 107, LGS 110 & LGS 111, LG 111 & LG 112 or proficiency test or LG 113, LG 121 & LG 122, LG 131 & LG 132 or proficiency test or LG 134, LG 141 & LG 142, LG 151 & LG 152 or proficiency test or LG 153, LG 171 & LG 172 or LG 173, LGS 171 & LGS 172

Students may fulfill the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the level equivalent to the second semester of the foreign language sequence, or by passing another test (e.g., AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) at the equivalent level). Students who pass a proficiency test at the level equivalent to first semester of the foreign language sequence are required to complete only the second semester and will fulfill the foreign language requirement with 3 credit hours of course work.

- B. Natural Sciences/Math. 3-4 hour lab science or math/stat course from:

AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO

102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L, ST 210, MA 113- 299 (except 201 and 202).

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102 or HY 135 & HY 136 or HY 121 & HY 122).

All undergraduates must complete two designated writing credit (W) courses, at least one of which must be in the student's major or minor.

Major Requirements (30 Hours)

Philosophy (BA) Philosophy Concentration Core (5 Courses, 15 Hours)

- A. 15 hours: PHL 120, PHL 240, PHL 245, PHL 321, PHL 461
- B. 15 hours from: 3 additional Philosophy (PHL) courses at the 300 to 400 level, with at least one being either PHL 431 or PHL 441, and 2 additional PHL courses at any level, PHL 321

Minor Requirements (18-24 Hours)

A minor is required for this degree program

Notes:

Additional Information

PHL 240 and PHL 245 do not have to be taken in sequence and should be taken early in the major. Credit for PHL 499, Honors Thesis, is only given as an addition to the hours required for the major.

Graduation Plan

Philosophy (BA) : Philosophy Concentration (30 Total Hours)

First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CAS 100	First Year Experience-College Success	2
EH 101	English Composition I	3
PHL 120	Critical Thinking	3
Natural Sci with Lab		4
FA Elective		3
Total Hours		15

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 102 or Honors	English Composition II	3

History	US or Western Civilization	3
PHL Elective	*PHL 121 recommended	3
CA 110	Public Speaking	3
Natural Sci with Lab		4
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
Math	MA 110 or higher	3
PHL 321	Symbolic Logic	3
English Literature		3
Social/Behavioral Elective		3
PHL 240	Western Philosophy: Classical	3
Total Hours		15

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
Social/Behavioral Elective		3
Social/Behavioral Elective		3
PHL Elective		3
Minor Course		3
PHL 245	Western Philosophy: Ren/Enlightenment	3
Total Hours		15

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
Natural Sci with Lab		4
PHL Elective	300 level or higher	3
Foreign Language I		3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		16

Third Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PHL Elective	300 level or higher	3
Foreign Language II		3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PHL 431 or PHL 441	Advanced Ethical Theor or Theory of Knowledge	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PHL 461	Metaphysics	3
Minor Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Total Hours		

Notes

*Recommended course PHL 121

Department Information

Department of Philosophy website
<http://www.southalabama.edu/philosophy>

Undergraduate Studies

Through reasoned reflection, philosophy seeks to understand human experience in all its various aspects. Courses examine the moral, social, political, aesthetic, and religious dimensions of human existence, topics in special fields such as science, and the historical development of philosophy. In these courses students can develop skills in the presentation, interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of differing viewpoints, and refine their own beliefs about deeply important issues. Philosophy majors can choose from three concentrations: Philosophy, Religion, or Classics.

General Education Requirements For Philosophy Majors

General Education Requirements for Philosophy are specified on the College of Arts and Sciences section.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry. PHL 461 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Philosophy majors.

Philosophy Majors can now fulfill the Minor requirement by taking one of the other concentrations offered.

- Majors concentrating in Classics can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Philosophy or Religion concentration.
- Majors concentrating in Philosophy can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Religion or Classics concentration.
- Majors concentrating in Religion can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Philosophy or Classics concentration.

Graduate Studies

Although the Department of Philosophy has no graduate program, graduate-level courses are offered for those students who need such work.