

# PHILOSOPHY-BA

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

## **Philosophy Major (30 credits)**

<p>— <b>PHI 103 Logic (3)</b> Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent</p> <p><b>Select FOUR from the courses listed below:</b></p> <p>— PHI ____ (3) — PHI ____ (3) — PHI ____ (3) — PHI ____ (3)</p> <p>Prerequisite for all courses: Prior work in Philosophy or permission of instructor</p> <p>PHI 311 Ancient Great Philosophers PHI 312 Medieval Great Philosophers PHI 313 Early Modern Great Philosophers PHI 314 Late Modern Great Philosophers PHI 315 Recent Great Philosophers</p>	
<b>Select ONE from:</b>	— PHI ____ (3)  PHI 210 Eastern Philosophy PHI 240 Middle Eastern Philosophy PHI 400 Eastern Great Philosophers  Prerequisite: Prior work in Philosophy or permission of instructor
<b>Capstone</b>	
<p>— <b>PHI 495 Reality, Knowledge, and Value (3)</b> Prerequisites: Senior standing and Philosophy major/minor</p>	
<b>Electives</b>	
<p>Students must complete a total of 30 Philosophy credits for the major. Courses numbered PHI 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 380 and 400 may be repeated for credit when their content varies. Students may choose electives from any other courses in the philosophy program course listings. At least one elective must be chosen from PHI 400, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, or 470. See below for elective options.</p> <p>— PHI ____ (3) — PHI ____ (3) — PHI ____ (3)</p>	
<b>Narrative Statement</b>	
<p>To be initiated upon declaring a major in philosophy. Revise on an ongoing basis and complete in Capstone (PHI 495), all in consultation with your faculty advisor in philosophy.</p>	
<b>Degree: Bachelor of Arts</b>	
<p>Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/mlt/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm">http://www.gvsu.edu/mlt/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm</a>) or by completing the courses listed below</p>	
<p>— <b>Language 101* (4)</b> — <b>Language 102* (4)</b> (*150 is a hybrid of 101 &amp; 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150) — <b>Language 201 (4)</b> — <b>Language 202 (4) RECOMMENDED</b></p>	

**It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.**

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

## Sample Plan

<b>Year One</b> <p>MTH 110 or placement WRT 150<sup>1</sup> PHI 103 Language 101 Language 102 PHI 101, PHI 102, or PHI 220 suggested</p>	<b>Year Three</b> <p>PHI Course PHI Course PHI Course PHI Course</p>	<p>*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute *You must have a total of 120 credits to graduate from Grand Valley State University (you are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credits per semester) *Supplement major courses with general education courses when scheduling *The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15 *A major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.</p>
<b>Year Two</b> <p>PHI Course PHI Course Language 201 Language 202 (Recommended)</p>	<b>Year Four</b> <p>PHI 495 PHI Course</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Students who self-place into WRT 098 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 150 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 150 in order to satisfy the WRT 150 requirement at GVSU.

### Guide for Declaring the Philosophy Major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select “Student”, “Student Records”, and then, “Change Major”
3. Click on the “Change Major 1/Program” box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to “New Major 1/Program,” from here scroll down and choose “Philosophy-BA”
5. Click “Submit” and then “Change to New Program”

### General Education Overlap

<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by the Philosophy Major:</b>	
Mathematical Sciences: PHI 103	Arts: option of selecting PHI 220
Philosophy and Literature: option of selecting PHI 101, PHI 102, or PHI 202	U.S. Diversity: PHI 230
Global Perspectives: PHI 210, PHI 240, PHI 250, PHI 400	Issues: option of selecting one of PHI 300, PHI 320, PHI 325, PHI 330, PHI 335, PHI 343, or PHI 370

### Philosophy Elective Courses

You are strongly encouraged to work with your faculty advisor for assistance in selecting appropriate elective courses  
Prerequisite for PHI 311, 312, 313, 314, 315 and all 400-level courses: Prior work in Philosophy or permission of instructor.

<b>PHI 101</b> Introduction to Philosophy <b>PHI 102</b> Ethics <b>PHI 202</b> Ethics of Health <b>PHI 203</b> Intermediate Logic Prerequisite: PHI 103 or CIS 160 or CIS 162 or MTH 110 or MTH 122 or MTH 201 <b>PHI 210</b> Eastern Philosophy <b>PHI 220</b> Aesthetics <b>PHI 230</b> American Philosophy <b>PHI 240</b> Middle Eastern Philosophy <b>PHI 250</b> Existentialism <b>PHI 300</b> Theories of Human Nature Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 311</b> Ancient Great Philosophers <b>PHI 312</b> Medieval Great Philosophers	<b>PHI 313</b> Early Modern Great Philosophers <b>PHI 314</b> Late Modern Great Philosophers <b>PHI 315</b> Recent Great Philosophers <b>PHI 320</b> Social and Political Philosophy: Liberty and Justice Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 325</b> Ethics in Professional Life Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 330</b> Law, Philosophy and Society Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 335</b> Philosophy and Democracy Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 341</b> Philosophy of Death and Dying Prerequisite: none <b>PHI 343</b> Philosophy of Religion Prerequisite: junior standing	<b>PHI 370</b> Sex Matters: Feminist Philosophy in the Contemporary World Prerequisite: junior standing <b>PHI 375</b> Community Working Classics (4) Prerequisite: Permission of instructor <b>PHI 380</b> Special Topics in Philosophy <b>PHI 399</b> Independent Readings <b>PHI 400</b> Wisdom of the East: Advanced Topics in Asian Philosophy <b>PHI 420</b> Philosophy of Science <b>PHI 430</b> Mind, Brain, and Consciousness <b>PHI 440</b> Epistemology <b>PHI 450</b> Metaphysics <b>PHI 460</b> Value Theory <b>PHI 470</b> Philosophy of Language <b>PHI 480</b> Special Topics in Philosophy
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