

# PHILOSOPHY - BA

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

Year One			
<sup>1</sup> WRT 150 or WRT 120 Strategies in Writing Stretch I	4 or 3	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 Strategies in Writing Stretch II or	4 or 3
<sup>3</sup> Foreign Language 101	4	<sup>3</sup> Foreign Language 102	4
General Education Course ( <i>See PHI options on pg.2</i> )	3	PHI 103	3
General Education Course	4	Science General Education Course with Lab	4
Elective (if needed)	(1)	Elective (if needed)	(1)
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Two			
PHI 311	3	<sup>3</sup> Foreign Language 202 (recommended) or Elective	4
General Education Course	3	PHI 313	3
<sup>3</sup> Foreign Language 201	4	<sup>4</sup> PHI Elective Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
Elective(s)	2	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Three			
PHI 210, 240, or 400	3	<sup>4</sup> PHI elective course	3
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General Education Course	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Year Four			
<sup>4</sup> PHI 400+ level elective	3	PHI 495	3
PHI 410	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
<sup>2</sup> Issues Course with SWS	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3	Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Elective Course	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>

\* The block tuition rate is 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. **You MUST obtain at least 120 credits total.**

<sup>1</sup> Students who self-place into WRT 150 (4 Credits) for their writing foundations requirement may take this course in either semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT120 (3 Credits) should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 (3 Credits) in the winter semester of the first year. A grade of C or higher is required in WRT 130 or WRT 150 to fulfill the writing foundations requirement. Students will not need to take WRT 150 (or 120 & 130) if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment.

<sup>2</sup> Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute. .

<sup>3</sup> Philosophy students must complete a Bachelor of Arts requirement; the BA degree requirements are three semesters of a foreign language (Lang 101, Lang 102, Lang 201), but it is recommended to complete the 202 course in whichever foreign language you choose.

<sup>4</sup> Philosophy students must complete four electives, one of which must be at the 400 level. See reverse for options.

<sup>5</sup> Philosophy students are typically advised to explore a minor or second major given the quantity of open elective credit that is available. Some options you may want to consider: <https://www.gvsu.edu/philosophy/double-majors-guide-75.htm>

## 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"

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 in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585 and online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>.

### General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the Philosophy Major:	
Mathematical Sciences: PHI 103	Arts: option of selecting PHI 220
Philosophy and Literature: option of selecting PHI 101, PHI 102, PHI 202, PHI 204, or PHI 206	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 mentor for assistance in selecting appropriate elective courses.

<p>PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 102 Ethics</p> <p>PHI 202 Philosophy and Ethics of Health</p> <p>PHI 203 Intermediate Logic Prerequisite: PHI 103 or CIS 160 or CIS 162 or MTH 110 or MTH 122 or MTH 201</p> <p>PHI 204 Knowledge, Politics, and Social Media</p> <p>PHI 206 Business, Value, and Trust: The Philosophy of Work</p> <p>PHI 210 Eastern Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 220 Aesthetics</p> <p>PHI 230 American Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 240 Middle Eastern Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 250 Existentialism</p> <p>PHI 300 Theories of Human Nature Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI/ENS 302 Environmental Justice</p> <p>PHI 311 Origins of Western Thought: Ancient Philosophy</p>	<p>PHI 313 Reason, Experience, Morality at the Dawn of Modernity: Early Modern Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 320 Power, Justice, and Freedom: Social and Political Philosophy Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI 325 Ethics in Professional Life Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI 330 Crime, Morality, Punishment: Philosophy of Law Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI 335 Philosophy and Democracy Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI 341 Philosophy of Death and Dying Prerequisite: none</p> <p>PHI 343 God, Faith, and Reason: Philosophy of Religion Prerequisite: junior standing</p> <p>PHI 370 Sex Matters: Feminist Philosophy in the Contemporary World Prerequisite: junior standing</p>	<p>PHI 380 Special Topics in Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 399 Independent Readings</p> <p>PHI 400 Wisdom of the East: Advanced Topics in Asian Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 410: Advanced Topics in Hist. Phil.</p> <p>PHI 415: American Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 416: Continental Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 420 Philosophy of Science</p> <p>PHI 430 Mind, Brain, and Consciousness: Philosophy of Mind</p> <p>PHI 440 Perception, Hallucination, Trust: Perspectives on Knowledge</p> <p>PHI 450 Reality, Identity, Change: Metaphysics</p> <p>PHI 460 Rights, Duties, and the Meaning of Life: Moral Philosophy</p> <p>PHI 470 Truth, Meaning, Communication: Philosophy of Language</p>
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