

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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## GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS

### Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: [catalog.uccs.edu](http://catalog.uccs.edu)
2. All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course pre-requisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule: see degree audit for list of course prerequisites within academic major.

## MAJOR INFORMATION

Philosophy teaches analytical and critical thinking, develops oral and written communication skills, and contributes to interdisciplinary understanding. Philosophy as a discipline attempts to answer perennial questions about values, human existence, and the nature of reality. Skills developed in this inquiry help philosophy students to excel in careers in law, medicine, management, education, government, writing, computer science, psychology, sociology, and ministry among many others.

| Major Requirements  |   |   |              |    |
|---|---|---|--------------|----|
| Philosophy Major<br>(30 hours)  | Course/Area   | Course Title  | Credit Hours |    |
| <b>Philosophy major</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of PHIL course work and a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PHIL course work.</li> <li>• All PHIL courses must have a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>• Philosophy Majors may choose an Option Concentration or finish their degree with 39-42 General Elective credits for a general Philosophy B.A.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Option courses can count towards other major requirements so they do not require any additional credit hours to complete the major.</p> | PHIL 1120   | Critical Thinking   | 3            |    |
|   | PHIL 4950   | Senior Seminar and Thesis   | 3            |    |
|   | Upper-Division Electives  | Complete a minimum of 15 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PHIL courses.  | 15           |    |
|   | Electives   | Complete an additional 9 hours of PHIL courses to meet total credit hours.  | 9            |    |
|   | <b>Optional Concentrations</b>                                    |   |              |    |
|   | <b>Cognition, Science, Phenomenology &amp; Linguistics Option</b> | Complete 12 credit hours from the following courses:<br>PHIL 1120, PHIL 1310, PHIL 3170, PHIL 3300, PHIL 3330, PHIL 3340, PHIL 3390, PHIL 3420, PHIL 3450, PHIL 4040, PHIL 4200, PHIL 4350, PHIL 4400, PHIL 4410, PHIL 4420, PHIL 4440, PHIL 4490   |              | 12 |
|   | <b>Culture &amp; Aesthetics: East and West</b>                    | Complete 12 credit hours from the following courses:<br>PHIL 1040, PHIL 1050, PHIL 1100, PHIL 3100, PHIL 3110, PHIL 3230, PHIL 3240, PHIL 3340, PHIL 3345, PHIL 3400, PHIL 3480, PHIL 3490, PHIL 3500, PHIL 3580, PHIL 3600, PHIL 3610, PHIL 3620, PHIL 3630, PHIL 3700, PHIL 3720, PHIL 3730, PHIL 4040, PHIL 4060, PHIL 4070, PHIL 4080, PHIL 4250, PHIL 4550 |              | 12 |
|   | <b>Justice and Global Society Option</b>                          | Complete 12 credit hours from the following courses:<br>PHIL 1020, PHIL 1040, PHIL 1150, PHIL 1310, PHIL 1400, PHIL 3130, PHIL 3180, PHIL 3190, PHIL 3200, PHIL 3230, PHIL 3240, PHIL 3400, PHIL 3480, PHIL 3490, PHIL 3500, PHIL 3560, PHIL 3570, PHIL 4140, PHIL 4250, PHIL 4260, PHIL 4550   |              | 12 |
|   | <b>Religion and Classics Option</b>                               | Complete 12 credit hours from the following courses:<br>PHIL 1050, PHIL 1100, PHIL 1300, PHIL 3070, PHIL 3080, PHIL 3100, PHIL 3110, PHIL 3120, PHIL 3140, PHIL 3160, PHIL 3400, PHIL 3480, PHIL 3490, PHIL 3500, PHIL 3510, PHIL 3520, PHIL 3530, PHIL 3540, PHIL 3550, PHIL 3600, PHIL 3610, PHIL 3620, PHIL 3630   |              | 12 |

## General Education and Elective Requirements

| <b>Composition</b> (3 hours)  | 1. ENGL 1310<br>2. ENGL 1410<br>3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
|---|---|-----------|--------|----------------|----------|--|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|--|--|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Reasoning Skills</b> (4 hours)   | See the degree audit for course options.  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Area Requirements</b> (27 hours)<br>• Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements<br>• Courses may not be taken pass/fail  | 1. Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM3990.<br>2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours<br>3. Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>  | One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Compass Curriculum</b> (12 hours)<br>• Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements<br>• Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Gateway</b></td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Navigate</b></td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Summit</b></td> <td>PHIL 4950 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br/><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td>1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)<br/>2. See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Inclusiveness</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sustainability</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Component | Course | <b>Gateway</b> | GPS 1010 | <b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Navigate</b> | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) | <b>Summit</b> | PHIL 4950 (included in major requirements) | <b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i> | 1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)<br>2. See Degree Audit | <b>Inclusiveness</b> | See Degree Audit | <b>Sustainability</b> | See Degree Audit |
| Component   | Course  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Gateway</b>  | GPS 1010  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>  | See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>   | See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>   | See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Navigate</b>   | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Summit</b>   | PHIL 4950 (included in major requirements)  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b><br><i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>  | 1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)<br>2. See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Inclusiveness</b>  | See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>Sustainability</b>   | See Degree Audit  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |
| <b>General Electives</b> (39-42 hours)  | Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.  |           |        |                |          |  |                  |   |                  |   |                  |                 |  |               |  |  |  |                      |                  |                       |                  |

## Four-Year Degree Plan

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

| Year One | ✓ | FALL   | Hours     | ✓ | SPRING                  | Hours     |
|----------|---|--|-----------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
|          |   |  | ENGL 1310 | 3 |                         | ENGL 1410 |
|          |   | PHIL Elective                                | 3         |   | PHIL Elective           | 3         |
|          |   | GPS 1010                                     | 3         |   | INDS 1050               | 3         |
|          |   | Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course | 3         |   | Humanities Elective     | 3         |
|          |   | Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course  | 3         |   | Social Science Elective | 3         |
|          |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | 15        |   | <b>TOTAL</b>            | 15        |

| Year Two | ✓ | FALL                                      | Hours         | ✓ | SPRING                          | Hours        |
|----------|---|---|---------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
|          |   |   | PHIL Elective | 3 |                                 | Logic Course |
|          |   | Humanities Elective                       | 3             |   | PHIL Elective                   | 3            |
|          |   | Social Science Elective                   | 3             |   | Natural Science Elective w/ Lab | 4            |
|          |   | Explore – Physical & Natural World Course | 3             |   | Oral Communication              | 3            |
|          |   | General Elective                          | 3             |   | General Elective                | 3            |
|          |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 14            |   | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | 15           |

| Year Three | ✓ | FALL                    | Hours                             | ✓ | SPRING                   | Hours                   |
|------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|            |   |                         | Upper-Division (UD) PHIL Elective | 3 |                          | UD PHIL Option Elective |
|            |   | UD PHIL Elective        | 3                                 |   | Natural Science Elective | 3                       |
|            |   | Social Science Elective | 3                                 |   | General Elective         | 3                       |
|            |   | General Elective        | 3                                 |   | General Elective         | 3                       |
|            |   | UD General Elective     | 3                                 |   | UD General Elective      | 3                       |
|            |   | <b>TOTAL</b>            | 15                                |   | <b>TOTAL</b>             | 15                      |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL                | Hours            | ✓ | SPRING                   | Hours     |
|-----------|---|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|
|           |   |                     | UD PHIL Elective | 3 |                          | PHIL 4950 |
|           |   | HUM 3990            | 3                |   | Natural Science Elective | 2         |
|           |   | UD General Elective | 3                |   | UD General Elective      | 3         |
|           |   | UD General Elective | 3                |   | UD General Elective      | 3         |
|           |   | UD General Elective | 3                |   | UD General Elective      | 3         |
|           |   | <b>TOTAL</b>        | 15               |   | <b>TOTAL</b>             | 14        |