

Philosophy, Minor

Interest in studying philosophy begins with the desire to engage life's greatest questions: finding the meaning of human existence, making sense of reality and our place in the cosmos, giving systematic form to our ethical and political intuitions, explaining the history of human ideas, and other equally significant problems. Often students wonder how the study of philosophy can provide the foundation for successful and meaningful employment. Contrary to popular belief, a philosophy major is one of the best preparations possible for careers in a large number of different areas. An article in the London Times rightly called philosophy the "ultimate 'transferable work skill'" insofar as it prepares students for a wide array of practical services. As a group, philosophy majors consistently score at or near the top on standardized tests, gain employment on graduation at higher than average rates, rank highly in median mid-career salary, and enjoy a well-earned reputation for rigorous thinking. In fact, the Association of American Colleges and Universities tells students, "[y]our specific choice of major matters far less than the knowledge and skills you gain through all your studies and experiences in college. In terms of jobs, employers don't hire majors. They hire individuals with potential to succeed over the long term and add value to their companies or organizations." The study of philosophy, one of the oldest and most rigorous disciplines, provides students with critical thinking, writing, and arguing skills necessary to succeed in today's competitive working environments.

Matriculation Requirements

1. Enrollment at Utah Valley University
2. Overall grade point average of a 2.0 (C) or better.
3. Admitted to a bachelor degree program at UVU.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		18
Discipline Core Requirements		18 Credits
Complete one of the following:		3
PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy HH WE (3)	
or PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy HH	
Complete 15 additional credit hours of philosophy courses (9 credit hours must be 3000 level or above; no more than 6 credit hours may be at the 1000 level; Philosophy 2050 does not count for this requirement.)		15

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

Second Year		Credit Hours
Semester 3		
PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy HH WE	3
Credit Hours		3
Semester 4		
Philosophy Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Third Year		
Semester 5		
Philosophy Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Semester 6		
Elective PHIL 3000+		3
Credit Hours		3
Fourth Year		
Semester 7		
Elective PHIL 3000+		3
Credit Hours		3

Semester 8

Elective PHIL 3000+

3

Credit Hours

3

Total Credit Hours

18