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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Undergraduate		
Type of proposal	Major/Field of Study		
Select a reason for this modification			
Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)			
Are you adding a concentration?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a track?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a focused study?			
No			
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2026		
College/School Code	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)		
Department Code	Department of Philosophy (PHIL)		
Program Code	PHILBA		

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. Provost Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. PHIL Chair
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8. ARSC Dean
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13. Provost Final
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15. Catalog Editor Final

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Degree

Bachelor of Arts

CIP Code

and Program

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Program Title

Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

What are the total 120
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

The following credit hour requirements must be met (see [Degree Completion Program Policy](#) for additional information).

[State minimum core](#) requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous course credit earned. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic adviser. **Bolded** courses from the [course](#) list below may be applied to portions of the [State Minimum Core](#) requirements.

State Minimum Core	35
33 Semester Hours in Philosophy to include:	
PHIL 20003	Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) 3
PHIL 22003	Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003) 3
Or PHIL 42503 Symbolic Logic I	
PHIL 40003	Ancient Greek Philosophy 3
PHIL 40303	Modern Philosophy-17th and 18th Centuries 3
PHIL 30003	Course PHIL 30003 Not Found (Ancient Greek Philosophy) <u>3</u>
PHIL 30303	Course PHIL 30303 Not Found (Modern Philosophy-17th and 18th Centuries) <u>3</u>
Metaphysics and Epistemology Requirement (Choose 1):	3
CLST 10003	Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece
HIST 11193	Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 1113)
HIST 11293	Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 1123)
PHIL 46003	Metaphysics
PHIL 42003	Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 42303	Philosophy of Language

<u>Value Theory Requirement (Choose 1):</u>		<u>3</u>
<u>PHIL 41203</u>	<u>Classical Ethical Theory</u>	
<u>PHIL 41303</u>	<u>Contemporary Ethical Theory</u>	
<u>PHIL 41103</u>	<u>Social and Political Philosophy</u>	
<u>PHIL 49803</u>	Capstone Course for Philosophy Majors	3
Or <u>PHIL 399HV</u> Honors Course (and a successfully defended honors thesis in philosophy)		
18 additional credit hours in Philosophy (PHIL) electives		18
<u>12 additional credit hours in Philosophy (PHIL) electives</u>		<u>12</u>
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (hours vary depending on choices in major)		0-21
Any credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher, or any 20000-level credit hours that have a course prerequisite		10
General Electives		21-39
Total Hours		120

Philosophy B.A.

Eight-Semester Degree Plan

Students enrolling in the eight-semester degree plan should review the [Eight-Semester Degree Completion Policy](#). State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic adviser.

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
ENGL 10103 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1) ¹	3	
Choose 1 (Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1): ¹	3	
MATH 11003 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1)		
MATH 11103 Quantitative Reasoning (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1113)		
or any MATH course numbered higher than MATH 11003		
PHIL 20003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) (Satisfies General Education Outcomes 3.2 and 5.1) ¹	3	
State Minimum Core Fine Arts or U.S. History or Government requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.1 or 4.2) ¹	3	
General Electives ¹	4	
ENGL 10203 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.2) ¹	3	
State Minimum Core U.S. History or Government or Fine Arts requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.2 or 3.1) ¹	3	
PHIL 22003 Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003)	3	
or PHIL 42503 Symbolic Logic I		
General Electives ¹	6	
Year Total:	16	15
Second Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
PHIL 40003 Ancient Greek Philosophy	3	-
Select one of the following (Satisfies General Education Outcome 4.1):¹	3	-
CLST 10003 Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece		
HIST 11193 Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 1113)		
HIST 11293 Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 1123)		
PHIL 30003 Course PHIL 30003 Not Found (Ancient Greek Philosophy)	3	=
State Minimum Core Social Science requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3) ¹	3	
Science State Minimum Core Lecture and Corequisite Lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4) ¹	4	
General Electives ¹	6	
PHIL 40203 Modern Philosophy: 17th and 18th Centuries		3

~~PHIL 40505 Modern Philosophy-17th and 18th Centuries~~

PHIL 30303 Course PHIL 30303 Not Found (Modern Philosophy-17th and 18th Centuries)

Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
State Minimum Core Social Science requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 5.1) ¹	3
General Electives ¹	6
Year Total:	16 15

Third Year	Units
	FallSpring
Metaphysics and Epistemology Requirement	3
PHIL Elective	3
State Minimum Core Social Science requirement (as needed) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3) or General Elective ¹	3
Science State Minimum Core Lecture and Corequisite Lab requirement (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4) ¹	4
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
Value Theory Requirement	3
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours which have a course prerequisite	3
General Electives ¹	3
Year Total:	16 15

Fourth Year	Units
	FallSpring
PHIL Elective	3
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Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher (as needed)	3
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours which have a course prerequisite	3
<u>Choose 1 (Satisfies General Education Outcome 6.1):¹</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>PHIL 49803</u> Capstone Course for Philosophy Majors	
<u>PHIL 399HV Honors Course</u>	
PHIL Elective	3
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours which have a course prerequisite	4
General electives (as needed to reach 120)	2
Year Total:	15 12

Total Units in Sequence: 120

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Students must complete the [State Minimum Core](#) and the requirements of their major(s) as outlined in the Catalog of Studies. These courses also fulfill many, if not all, of the [General Education Requirements](#). Please visit these pages in the links provided and consult with your academic adviser when making course selections to fulfill

these requirements.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 60-90

Scheduled Program Review Date 2029-2030

Program Goals and Objectives

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Students in Philosophy core courses will:

- Improve critical reading, writing, thinking, and argumentative skills of the kind useful in philosophy and all subjects;
- Develop a basic understanding of the discipline of philosophy through studying a diversity of major issues and of major historical figures

Learning Outcomes

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Student Learning OutcomesStudents in Philosophy core courses will:

- Gain practice in evaluating arguments;
- Gain skill in reading difficult and diverse philosophical texts;
- Develop skills in writing with clarity, depth and coherence;
- Gain understanding of specific issues and figures in philosophy;
- Gain practice in evaluating their own ideas and presuppositions, as well as other, possibly divergent, values and points of view.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Changing the level of Ancient Greek Philosophy and Modern Philosophy as they will no longer be combined with grad level courses and will be taught at a larger class size to accommodate demand in major. (PHIL 40003 now 30003 and PHIL 40303 now 30303) Adding two new requirements. Students must now take a course about Metaphysics and Epistemology and a course about Value Theory. These requirement each have three course options to choose from.	In addition to Logic and the History of Philosophy (for which we already have degree requirements), Metaphysics and Epistemology and Value Theory, are the major subfields of philosophy. We want to ensure that all of our students have at least some coursework devoted to those specific areas. In our opinion, a student is not properly educated in philosophy (i.e., to the level of a BA) if they have not been taught in those areas. While most of our majors take these courses already, we feel that it

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Reducing the PHIL electives required from 18 to 12 to keep major the same size.	should be an absolute degree requirement so that such coverage is guaranteed. The department guarantees that the one of the 3 courses in each new distribution will be offered at least once an academic year.

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Reviewer Comments

Nik Rowan (nrgreen) (01/20/26 10:47 am): At the request of the department, have also removed the intro CLST/HIST requirement. Have confirmed with Lisa that change does not impact workflow.