

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
PHILOSOPHY

About the Program

The word “philosophy” derives from the Greek meaning “love of wisdom.” While philosophy is an integral discipline unto itself, it is also an intellectual disposition that permeates all of academic study and has been at the heart of Jesuit and Catholic education since their inception.



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Outcomes & Opportunities

- A number of recent Scranton philosophy graduates have gone on to successful careers in education, psychology, politics, religion, medicine and journalism. Philosophy is also considered an outstanding foundation for those students interested in attending law school, or for those entering careers in public service.
- Many Scranton students choose to earn a second major in philosophy as a complement to their primary area of study.
- There are opportunities to do extensive research with a faculty member through the Faculty/Student Research Program, a university-wide opportunity for all undergraduate students in good academic standing.
- Undergraduate philosophy majors at Scranton receive exceptional preparation for advanced study in the field. Scranton students have been admitted to M.A. and Ph.D. programs in philosophy at such schools as Fordham, Vanderbilt, Emory, Yale and Boston College.

Among the TOP 10 IN
THE NORTH for 28 years

— U.S. News & World Report's
Best Colleges



SUCCESS AHEAD

PHILOSOPHY CURRICULUM

	Department & Number - Descriptive Title of Course	Fall Cr.	Spr. Cr.
FIRST YEAR			
MAJOR	PHIL 120 - Introduction to Philosophy – PHIL 210 - Ethics	3	3
GE WRTG – SPCH	WRTG 107 - (FYW) Composition – COMM 100 - (FYOC) Public Speaking*	3	3
GE C/IL	C/IL 102/102L - (FYDT) Computing & Information Literacy**	3	3
GE HUMN	HUMN ELECT - Humanities Electives	3	3
GE QUAN	QUAN ELECT - Quantitative Elective	3	3
GE NSCI – S/BH	NSCI ELECT - Natural Science Elective – S/BH ELECT - Soc./Beh. Elective	3	3
GE FSEM	First Year Seminar ³		
		15	15
SECOND YEAR			
MAJOR	PHIL 215 - (P) Logic or PHIL 240 - (PW) Logic & Written Discourse or PHIL 305 - (P) Symbolic Logic – Philosophy Elective	3	3
GE T/RS	T/RS 121 - Theology I: Introduction to the Bible – T/RS 122 - Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3	3
GE HUMN	LANG ELECT - Humanities Electives ¹	3	3
GE S/BH – NSCI	S/BH ELECT - Soc./Beh. Elective – NSCI ELECT - Nat. Sci. Elective	3	3
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Elective - Free Elective	3	3
		15	15
THIRD YEAR			
MAJOR	PHIL 200 or 300 or 400 level - Philosophy Electives	3	6
COGNATE	COGNATE ELECT - Cognate Electives ²	9	9
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives	3	3
		15	18
FOURTH YEAR			
MAJOR	PHIL 300 or 400 level - Philosophy Electives**	6	3
COGNATE	COGNATE ELECT - Cognate Electives ²	9	9
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives	3	3
		18	15
		Total: 126 Credits	



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¹ Foreign language is recommended by department.

² In the Cognate area of 36 hours, the department requires that 12 credits be focused in one field. It should be noted that 6 credits not required by the department in the major area are added to the free area in senior year. These may be taken in any field, including Philosophy.

³ The selection of a First Year Seminar is likely to fulfill requirements both for the First Year Seminar and a General Education Requirement. Thus, the First Year Seminar will not add to the total credits for the semester. Talk with your advisor if you have any questions.

*An approved 3-credit EP Foundation Course may be substituted for COMM 100 and C/IL 102/102L-C/IL 104. In this case, the total needed for graduation in this major may be reduced. Consult with your advisor if you have questions.

** Of the seven electives for the major, at least two must be at the 300-level or higher, and at least one must be at the 400-level.

Curriculum grid effective for the 2022-23 academic year in accordance with the undergraduate course catalog.