

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Philosophy, from the Greek word for “love of wisdom,” is both a distinct discipline and a mindset that enriches all fields. Rooted in Jesuit and Catholic education since their inception, it fosters inquiry, ethical reflection, and intellectual growth. Through critical analysis and reasoned dialogue, philosophy empowers students to engage with complex ideas and shape thoughtful perspectives on the world.

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OUTCOMES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Scranton Philosophy graduates thrive in fields like education, psychology, politics, religion, medicine, and journalism. Many pursue law school or careers in public service, while others complement their primary studies with a second major in Philosophy.
- Students engage in extensive research through the Faculty/Student Research Program, a university-wide initiative that offers valuable hands-on experience and mentorship from faculty experts.
- Students receive outstanding preparation for advanced study, with graduates admitted to M.A. and Ph.D. programs at top schools like Fordham, Vanderbilt, Emory, Yale, and Boston College.

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PHILOSOPHY

123 Credits

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1st Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 120	Introduction to Philosophy	3
WRTG 107	Composition	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
QUAN ELECT	Quantitative Elective	3
NCSI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
First Year Seminar		0
Total Credits: 15		

1st Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
Level I Digital Technology/Level I Oral Communication		3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
S/BH ELECT	Soc./Beh. Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
First Year Seminar		0
Total Credits: 15		

2nd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 215	Logic or PHIL 240 Logic and Written Discourse	3
T/RS 121	Theology I: Introduction to the Bible	3
LANG ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
S/BH ELECT	Soc./Beh. Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
Total Credits: 15		

2nd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 200 or 300 level -	Philosophy Elective	3
T/RS 122	Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3
LANG ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
NSCI ELECT	Nat. Sci. Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
Total Credits: 15		

3rd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 200 or 300 or 400 level -	Philosophy Elective	3
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Electives	9
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
Total Credits: 15		

3rd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 200 or 300 or 400 level -	Philosophy Electives	6
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Electives	9
Total Credits: 15		

4th Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 300 level	Philosophy Electives	6
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Electives	9
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
Total Credits: 18		

4th Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PHIL 400 level	Philosophy Elective	3
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Electives	9
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
Total Credits: 15		

This is a sample curriculum. Please refer to the 2025-2026 Undergraduate Catalog at scranton.edu/catalog.