

## Philosophy Major

33 credit hours in philosophy, 21 of which must be upper division.

*Lower division courses must include:*

1. Critical Reasoning (1210) or Symbolic Logic (2010). Logic is required of students who wish to be recommended for graduate school in philosophy.
2. Contemporary Moral Problems (1020) or Introduction to Ethics (2030).

*Upper division courses must include:*

3. Ancient Philosophy (3110).
4. History of Modern Philosophy (3130).
5. Theory of Knowledge (3600).
6. Metaphysics (3700).
7. Ethical Theory (3050).

One of the following courses is strongly recommended:

- Philosophy of Natural Science (3400) or
- Philosophy of Social Science (3410).

One of the following courses is also strongly recommended:

- Social Philosophy (3210) or Philosophy of Religion (3200) or Philosophy of Art (3200).

## Philosophy Minor

18 credit hours in philosophy, 12 of which must be upper division.

*Courses must include:*

1. Critical Reasoning (1210) or Symbolic Logic (2010).
2. Contemporary Moral Problems (1020) or Introduction to Ethics (2030).
3. Any 12 hours of upper division courses in Philosophy.

*Like Plato's Allegory of the Cave, my first experience with philosophy opened my eyes to the world around me. I majored in Philosophy in order to find answers to the types of questions that give meaning to life. My questions inevitably led to more questions, and now I am engrossed in a subject that I absolutely enjoy. My study of philosophy has not only afforded me much insight, but it has become such a major part of who I am that I plan to pursue it for the rest of my life.*

— Tony Costello, Philosophy Major



*Excellent teaching, high standards and methods for achieving those standards were common denominators of every UNO philosophy course. The faculty was genuinely interested in helping each student learn and apply philosophical principles. They taught me the skills of good writing and careful reading of texts. These skills have proven invaluable to me both in the business world and in my graduate level philosophy work.*

— Patty Steck, Philosophy Faculty,  
Century College

# PHILOSOPHY

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*"The study of philosophy serves to develop intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession. Properly pursued, it enhances analytical, critical and interpretive capacities that are applicable to any subject-matter, and in any human context. It cultivates the capacities and appetite for self-expression and reflection, for exchange and debate of ideas, for life-long learning, and for dealing with problems for which there are no easy answers."*

— American Philosophical Association

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## Philosophy at UNO

The philosophy department at UNO offers an undergraduate major and minor in philosophy, provides important electives for non-majors, and presents lectures and other events to enhance the intellectual life of the campus and community.

Philosophy students examine ideas, reflect on the most important questions of life, and cultivate skills in reasoning, problem solving, and writing.

## Activities for Students

- **Visiting speakers**

Each year the department features several lectures by experts on a wide range of topics.

- **The Platonic Society**

The philosophy club hosts informal discussions and gatherings. All students are welcome.

- **Film nights**

Evening presentations of movies with philosophical themes, followed by optional discussions. All students are welcome.

- **Slow reading**

Detailed study of classic philosophical works, with no advance preparation required.

- **Open houses**

Meet other students interested in philosophy; chat with professors about course offerings.

- **Language study**

Read a great philosophical work in its original language, and brush up on your translation skills. All levels welcome, including novices!

## Careers for Philosophy Graduates

What can you do with your philosophy degree? Philosophy students pursue careers in law, business, information technology, public administration, social services, health care and criminal justice. The value of the unique training provided by Philosophy in critical analysis and clear writing has long been acknowledged in these fields. Both ethics and logic are integral parts of philosophy, and most people will face significant ethical questions in the course of their careers, and will perform better in all aspects of their jobs by reasoning logically.

Philosophy students are skilled at organizing ideas, evaluating evidence, synthesizing complex information, and presenting persuasive arguments. These abilities serve them well in a wide range of careers, particularly in positions where analysis, problem-solving and written expression are important. For more information about career planning, please visit our website or arrange an appointment with one of our faculty members.

## Philosophy and Graduate Study

Philosophy is the natural major for students who wish to pursue graduate work in philosophy. However, the philosophy major is also excellent preparation for graduate programs in law, business, information technology, criminal justice, public administration, library science, medicine, nursing, and other disciplines.

*“The intellectual rigor of education in philosophy is ideal preparation for law school.”*

— Pat Borchers  
Dean of Creighton University School of Law

Philosophy students consistently outperform other majors on entrance examinations for law (LSAT), business (GMAT), and graduate school (GRE).

- Philosophy majors are second only to physics in average LSAT scores, and surpass all of the other more popular pre-law majors, according to the Law School Admissions Council.
- Philosophy majors consistently score higher than all business, humanities, and social sciences majors on the GMAT, according to the Graduate Management Admission Council.
- On the GRE, philosophy majors score higher than all other humanities, education, business, communications, life sciences and social sciences majors except economics. On the Verbal component of the GRE, philosophy students score better than any other major.

## Philosophy as a Double Major

A dual major in philosophy expands career options by providing students with a well-rounded academic background. Philosophy combines readily with many other disciplines and provides competitive skills to enhance any degree.

Within the College of Arts and Sciences, students may obtain a B.A. degree in philosophy along with another major (e.g. B.A. in History and Philosophy), or students may obtain a B.S. degree while adding philosophy as a second major (e.g. B.S. in Biology with second major in Philosophy).

Students may obtain a degree in another College at UNO while adding philosophy as a second major (e.g. B.S. in Business Administration with a specialization in Management, with a second major in Philosophy).

More information about double majoring may be found at <http://www.unomaha.edu/philosophy/>