Pitt's Department of Philosophy is one of the best in the country, with a long tradition of teaching excellence. A major in philosophy provides excellent preparation for such professions as law, medicine, and business. The conceptual sophistication imparted by training in philosophy is invaluable in virtually any field of learning or any profession. Students majoring in biology, psychology, history, or computer science would do well to pick up a second major in philosophy, a suggestion that the Department of Philosophy supports by offering standard and intensive major options. Students who do especially well in either the standard or intensive major program graduate with honors in philosophy. Because of the superior national reputation of the Department of Philosophy, a primary or secondary major in philosophy helps a graduate gain entry into a good graduate or professional school.

Required courses for the standard Philosophy major
The standard philosophy major requires the completion of 24 credits distributed as follows.

Select one course from each of the four groups below.

- PHIL 0200 History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 0202 History of Ancient Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 1010 Presocratic Philosophy
- PHIL 1020 Plato
- PHIL 1040 Aristotle
- PHIL 1060 Hellenistic Philosophy
- PHIL 1070 Topics in Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 0210 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 0212 History of Modern Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 1110 Rationalism
- PHIL 1140 Empiricism
- PHIL 1170 Kant

- PHIL 0300 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 0302 Introduction to Ethics Writing Practicum
- PHIL 0320 Social Philosophy
- PHIL 0322 Social Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 0330 Political Philosophy
- PHIL 0332 Political Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 0380 Introduction to Feminist Thought
- PHIL 0382 Introduction to Feminist Thought Writing Practicum
- PHIL 13XX any course

- PHIL 0500 Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 1500 Symbolic Logic

Select four 1000-level electives beyond any chosen in the previous groups.

Required courses for the intensive Philosophy major
The intensive philosophy major requires the completion of 36 credits distributed as follows.

Note: The intensive major has no official standing and should be thought of as a recommendation for a more rigorous course of study within the philosophy major.

Select one course from each of the three groups below.

- PHIL 0200 History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 0202 History of Ancient Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 1010 Presocratic Philosophy
- PHIL 1020 Plato
- PHIL 1040 Aristotle
- PHIL 1060 Hellenistic Philosophy
- PHIL 1070 Topics in Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 0210 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 0212 History of Modern Philosophy Writing Practicum
- PHIL 1110 Rationalism
- PHIL 1140 Empiricism
- PHIL 1170 Kant
- PHIL 0500 Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 1500 Symbolic Logic

Select five 1000-level courses from each of the following course groups beyond any chosen in the previous group.

- PHIL (1020 - 1190): History of Philosophy
- PHIL (1300 - 1390): Value Theory
- PHIL (1420 - 1490): Metaphysics and Epistemology
- PHIL (1500 - 1690): Logic and Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 1_____ (1000-level elective except PHIL 1904 / PHIL 1941)

- PHIL 1940 *
- PHIL 1941 * / PHIL ______ (elective - any level)
- PHIL ______ (elective - any level)
- PHIL ______ (elective - any level)

* The student must gain permission to register for this course from the faculty member who has agreed to supervise the student's work on a senior thesis. Neither PHIL 1940 nor PHIL 1941 count toward the five 1000-level courses mentioned above.
**Grade requirements:** Students must earn at least a C in each course that is to count toward the major.

**Writing (W) requirement:** Students must complete at least one W-course in the major.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option:** There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on an S/NC basis.

**Related area:** A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Arts and Sciences department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Arts and Sciences minor or an Arts and Sciences or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

**Honors major requirements:** Students who complete the standard major, intensive major, or joint major will graduate with honors in philosophy if they have earned a grade of A- or better in at least six 1000-level PHIL courses, exclusive of PHIL 1902, PHIL 1903, and PHIL 1904.

**Joint majors with philosophy:** Joint majors are not double majors but are multidisciplinary majors offered by two or more departments. Presently, the Department of Philosophy offers a joint major in Politics and Philosophy with the Department of Political Science and a joint major in Mathematics and Philosophy with the Department of Mathematics. The former is administered by the Department of Political Science and the latter by the Department of Mathematics. Consult with those departments for additional information.

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**Checklist for the intensive Philosophy major**

Select one course from each of the three groups below.

- PHIL 0200  
- PHIL 0202  
- PHIL 1010  
- PHIL 1020  
- PHIL 1040  
- PHIL 1060  
- PHIL 1070  
- PHIL 0210  
- PHIL 0212  
- PHIL 1110  
- PHIL 1140  
- PHIL 1170  
- PHIL 0500  
- PHIL 1500

Select five 1000-level courses from each of the following course groups beyond any chosen in the previous group.

- PHIL 1900 * / PHIL 1901 (1000-level except PHIL 1904 / PHIL 1941)
- PHIL 1940 * / PHIL 1941 (elective - any level)
- PHIL ______ (elective - any level)
- PHIL ______ (elective - any level)
- PHIL ______ (elective - any level)

* The student must gain permission to register for this course from the faculty member who has agreed to supervise the student’s work on a senior thesis.

**Checklist for the Philosophy minor**

Select one course from each of the four course groups below; one course must be a 1000-level course.

- PHIL 0200  
- PHIL 0202  
- PHIL 1010  
- PHIL 1020  
- PHIL 1040  
- PHIL 1060  
- PHIL 1070  
- PHIL 0210  
- PHIL 0212  
- PHIL 1110  
- PHIL 1140  
- PHIL 1170  
- PHIL 0300  
- PHIL 0302  
- PHIL 0320  
- PHIL 0322  
- PHIL 0330  
- PHIL 0332  
- PHIL 0380  
- PHIL 0382  
- PHIL 13

Select two 1000-level electives beyond the one required in the previous group.

- PHIL ______ (1000-level elective)
- PHIL ______ (1000-level elective)

**Note:** Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.