Philosophy-BA **THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND** FALL 2026-SPRING 2027
120 Credits Total
33-48 Credits in Major

ABOUT THE PHILOSOPHY DEGREE:

The BA program in philosophy is concerned with teaching students the methodology of clear and logical thinking. In addition, it deals with ultimate questions of human existence, such as the nature of morality, the purpose of human life, the problem of evil, and other similar problems. By taking various courses in systematic philosophy and the history of philosophy, students will encounter various options on how these questions have been answered and are invited to do their own critical thinking about them.

STEP 1:

Major Requirements:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
PHL 101* or PHL/CSC 451		3	
PHL 205		3	
PHL 212* or 314		3	
PHL 321		3	
PHL 323		3	
PHL 341, 342, 452G*, or PHL/CSC 451		3	
PHL 318, 324, 346, or 366*		3	
PHL 490		3	
PHL ____		3	
PHL ____		3	
PHL ____		3	
Optional Major Electives (do not exceed 48 PHL credits)			

At least eighteen (18) PHL credits must be at the 300-level or higher.
Students pursuing or considering pursuing a major or a minor in Philosophy are strongly urged to complete PHL 205 as soon as possible.

PHL/CSC 451 may be used only once toward the major.

30 credits at the 300-level or higher
(major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

Free elective credits
(to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

*Course approved for general education credit

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.

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GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

STEP 2:

General Education Credit Count				
At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code.				
Course	**Cr.**		**Course**	**Cr.**
			Total Gen Ed credits	40

STEP 3:

General Education Outcome Audit	
	Course
KNOWLEDGE	
A1. STEM	
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
COMPETENCIES	
B1. Write effectively	
B2. Communicate effectively	
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or computational strategies	
B4. Information literacy	
RESPONSIBILITIES	
C1. Civic knowledge & responsibilities	
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and Inclusion	
INTEGRATE & APPLY	
D1. Ability to synthesize	
GRAND CHALLENGE	
G. Check that at least one course of your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

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