Department of Philosophy and Religion

Faculty: Associate Professor Sweeney, Chair; Assistant Professor Geisz.

The philosophy program offers courses emphasizing skills of critical thinking and argumentation, and exposing students to a variety of philosophical issues.

Philosophy

Major in Philosophy

The philosophy major offers a balanced set of courses that introduce and hone skills of critical thinking and argumentation. It gives students a solid background in the history of philosophical systems and ideas. Students are exposed to a variety of philosophical issues in ethical theory, applied ethics, social and political philosophy, aesthetics, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion and Asian philosophy. As a capstone experience, students research particular philosophical topics leading up to writing senior theses based on their research.

Requirements for a major in philosophy

PHL 201 Logic ..................................4
Two of the following courses: 8
  PHL 215 Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle .................4
  PHL 225 Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant ..................4
PHL 203 Contemporary Philosophy .....4
Philosophy electives (at least 8 credit hours of which must be at the 300 level or above) 16
PHL 450 Independent Study ...............4
PHL 499 Senior Thesis ..........................4

Total Semester Hours: 36

Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

This Bachelor of Arts degree program is offered cooperatively by the Department of Music and the Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance. Students receive balanced training and experience in these three performance areas associated with musical theatre. See degree program details under Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance.

EMAT: Electronic Media Art and Technology Major

The major in electronic media, art and technology is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes designing and producing interactivity for Web-based products for both commercial and artistic intent. See EMAT after the Communication Department for full details.

Requirements for the minor in philosophy:

Twenty semester hours of credit in PHL courses to include PHL 200 Introduction to Philosophy, PHL 201 Logic, and at least one 300-level or above course.

Courses in religion are offered through the Department of Philosophy and Religion. A major or minor in religion is not offered.