

PHILOSOPHY

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Mission

The Department of Philosophy offers a selection of courses that provide the intellectual tools for discussing and pursuing the ultimate truth and ultimate good, the core mission of Catholic liberal arts college education.

Goals

The major in Philosophy acknowledges three goals for its program of study:

1. Introduce students to the discussion of the ultimate truth and ultimate good;
2. Familiarize students with major philosophical issues and thinkers; and,
3. Prepare majors, minors and others for graduate study in such professional fields as philosophy, theology, and law.

Major in Philosophy

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty-three semester credits of philosophy, including the following:

PHIL 113	Formal Logic
PHIL 151	Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 202	Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 303	Modern Philosophy
PHIL 304	Contemporary Philosophy
PHIL 310	Metaphysics
PHIL 313	Epistemology
PHIL 324	Ethical Theory
PHIL 495	Philosophy Seminar

II. Other Program Requirements

1. A modern or classical second language through intermediate level.
2. A comprehensive examination at the end of the student's senior year. The philosophy examination consists of written answers to questions selected from a previously disclosed list and later oral discussion of the written answers. Students who are writing an honors thesis are exempt from the comprehensive examination.

Note: All degree students should review requirements for graduation as described in this catalog.

Minor in Philosophy

Minor Program Requirements

Eighteen semester credits of philosophy, including:

PHIL 495 Philosophy Seminar

and at least one course from among the following:

PHIL 310	Metaphysics
PHIL 313	Epistemology
PHIL 324	Ethical Theory