

Philosophy-Humanities

Humanities/Philosophy

Humanities is a theme-centered interdisciplinary program in the arts, history, literature, philosophy, and religion. Through interdisciplinary study, students develop an awareness and understanding of the major events and ideas that have shaped the civilization in which they live.

Philosophy-Humanities Major

People have always had questions about the world in which they live. Whether these questions are about truth, beauty, and goodness, or about whether life has any meaning, people find questions to ask. Over the centuries, many minds have addressed these questions. By means of dialogue, intuition, logic, and critical thought, philosophers have created pathways to wisdom and an understanding of the human condition.

North Dakota State University offers students a Philosophy curriculum that may be approached either as a Philosophy-Humanities major or minor.

The Philosophy-Humanities major consists of 30 semester credits. Of these, 21 credits must be taken from the required courses below. Nine elective credits, which can be independent studies, complete the major. Each degree has additional university and College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences requirements that must be fulfilled. For example, a B.A. requires two years or the equivalent of a foreign language, while the B.S. requires a minor in another field. Please check the university and college pages addressing additional requirements that must be fulfilled.

Philosophy-Humanities Minor

The Philosophy-Humanities minor consists of 21 semester credits: the major required courses plus six elective credits from the elective philosophy courses, including independent studies.

Major Requirements

Major: Philosophy/Humanities

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
PHIL 450	Metaphysics	3

or PHIL 451	Epistemology	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list		3
Science & Technology (S):		10
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list.		
Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list		6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list		6
Wellness (W): Select from current general education list		2
Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list		
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list		
Total Credits		40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities	3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS	
Area Two: Social Sciences	3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS	
Area Three: Fine Arts	3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA	
Total Credits	9

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40	
AH&SS College Requirement	9	
Philosophy/Humanities Major Requirements		
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 257	Traditional Logic	3
PHIL/RELS 210	Ethics	3
PHIL 321	Ancient Philosophy	3
or PHIL 322	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 323	Modern Philosophy	3
or PHIL 324	Contemporary Philosophy	
PHIL 450	Metaphysics	3

Select one of the following:	3
PHIL 451 Epistemology	
PHIL 486 Philosophy & Literature	
PHIL 494 Individual Study	
Major Electives:	9
As part of these 9 credits, students may take PHIL 215 or PHIL 216 but not both.	
Degree Requirements: Potential of 43 credit to reach 122	43
Total Credits	122

Minor Requirements

Philosophy-Humanities Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 21

Required Minor Courses

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 210 Ethics	3
PHIL 257 Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 450 Metaphysics	3
or PHIL 451 Epistemology	
Select one of the following:	3
PHIL 486 Philosophy & Literature	
PHIL 487 Aesthetics	
PHIL 494 Individual Study	
Electives: Select 6 credits from the following:	6
PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues	
or PHIL 216 Business Ethics	
PHIL 369 Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 476 History of Philosophy: Modern Period	
PHIL 321 Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 322 Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 323 Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 324 Contemporary Philosophy	
PHIL 450 Metaphysics *	
PHIL 451 Epistemology *	
PHIL 486 Philosophy & Literature	
PHIL 487 Aesthetics	
PHIL 494 Individual Study *	
Total Credits	21

* May take as an elective if not taken as a required course.

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.