

# Philosophy

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
422 Minard Hall
- **Department Phone:**  
701-231-8654
- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/history/philosophy/](http://www.ndsu.edu/history/philosophy/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/history/philosophy/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/undergraduate/philosophy-ethics/](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/undergraduate/philosophy-ethics/) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/undergraduate/philosophy-ethics/>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Philosophy/Ethics

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

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## AHSS Degree Requirements

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree** – The completion of a minor program of study.

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree** – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for a student whose primary degree is a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a major from the College of AHSS. These additional 9 credits are not required for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Bachelor of Music degree, for any student whose primary major or degree is not in the College of AHSS, or the student is earning two majors or two different degrees.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
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.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, TIPS or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Philosophy/Ethics Major Requirements</b>		
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (May satisfy general education category A)	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
or PHIL 215	Contemporary Moral Issues	
PHIL 257	Traditional Logic (May satisfy general education category R)	3
PHIL 321	Ancient Philosophy	3
or PHIL 322	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 323	Modern Philosophy	3
or PHIL 324	Contemporary Philosophy	
PHIL 451	Epistemology	3
<b>Capstone Experience: Select one of the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
PHIL 450	Metaphysics (May satisfy general education category C)	
PHIL 486	Philosophy & Literature	
PHIL 494	Individual Study	
<b>Philosophy/Ethics Major Electives</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

**Program Note:** Waivers to any of the program requirements listed above is not possible. Students must complete a minimum of 32 credits for the Philosophy/Ethics major.

## Minor Requirements

### Minor: Philosophy-Humanities

#### Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 21

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Minor Courses</b>		
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
or PHIL 215	Contemporary Moral Issues	
PHIL 257	Traditional Logic	3
PHIL 450	Metaphysics	3
or PHIL 451	Epistemology	
PHIL 486	Philosophy & Literature	3
or PHIL 494	Individual Study	
<b>Philosophy Electives</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

### **Minor Requirements and Notes**

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