



Duluth Campus

Philosophy B.A.

Philosophy

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 31 to 38
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This program familiarizes students with the broad range of foundational theories that arose in the history of philosophy and helps students develop problem-solving skills using critical thinking. Beginning courses provide a comprehensive introduction to the methods and procedures of analytical reasoning by examining issues concerning logic, the nature of knowledge and reality, the existence of freedom, and the character of right and wrong. Advanced courses focus on special historical periods (e.g., Greek philosophy, early modern philosophy) and specific problem areas (e.g., philosophy of psychology, medical ethics, philosophy of language).

Principles that emerge from the study of philosophy concern basic theories and concepts, and the nature of reasoning as it applies to all areas of investigation within the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. As a result, studying philosophy enhances all majors and minors.

Honors Requirements: Candidates must be philosophy majors with a 3.30 GPA in the major. Students complete PHIL 5991 and write a substantial paper or significantly rewrite a paper submitted for another philosophy course. Students must notify the department head of their intent to participate in the honors program by the end of the first week of the semester of graduation and the paper must be approved by a faculty member at least 30 days before the end of the term. The paper is presented orally in a department colloquium with the approved manuscript submitted to the department head at least one week before presentation. Contact the department head for more information.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)



Program Goals

1. Students will be able to identify major philosophers and describe the problems these philosophers addressed.
2. Students will be able to argue for points of view, defend their assertions, and recognize and assess counterarguments.
3. Students will be able to construct strategies for addressing both real and hypothetical problems.
4. Students will be cognizant of differing perspectives based on gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, and other vectors; students will be able to identify issues of social justice stemming from such differences.
5. Students will be able to analyze concepts and critically evaluate claims and arguments; students will be able to apply these skills to social problems in a variety of areas.
6. Students will be able to use ethical theories to guide their life choices and make determinations of right and wrong.

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

[UST 1000](#) - UMD Seminar (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the

